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'National Costume'

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After the Storm

Fan-tailed feathers
Whisk across the sky,
And larger clouds are looming
The storm is drawing nigh.

Trees are bending backwards
Imploring birds who search,
Who hurl themselves like cannon-balls
Upon their limbs to pearch.

The storm is gone,
The March winds die . . .
Give way to April showers sweet,
And little birds and flowers play
In verdant pastures
Now it's May!

The sun in all his glory shines.
A rainbow decks the changing sky.
So shall our life be richer
When all storms have passed it by.

Sylvia Neale
Northampton Branch

A blue-tinted photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, there are trees with sparse leaves. In the background, a large building with a dome is visible through the trees. The text "Spring The Opportunity Time" is overlaid in the center.

Spring The Opportunity Time

FAITH IN A

"History Teaches; Alas It Has No Pupils"

by Elder Marion D. Hanks

formerly President of the British Mission

★ There is no reason to be surprised or critical that many people these days look with considerable apprehension to the future. They wonder what value there is in preparing for a time ahead which seems so unpromising, or of living life according to high standards which a great segment of human kind rejects either in principle or practice or both.

Suffice it to say that it has always been so. Substantially every generation of man has looked to an uncertain future amidst contemporary threatenings and confusion.

It was only a few years ago that multitudes of young people were immersed in what was the greatest threat to world-wide civilization that history had known. An evil genius in Germany pro-

FUTURE

duced a war machine that threatened to engulf civilization and that attracted other dictators of lesser ability to join the onslaught. The potential for total destruction of humanity was less real than it is in today's era of unbelievably powerful nuclear weapons, but the wide scope of the conflict then engaged most available young men and touched substantially everyone in some way in most of the nations of the earth.

But World War II ended. Troops disbanded, the dead and the maimed were buried or cared for, many of them and their sacrifices to be forgotten by all but those most intimately imposed upon by the tragedies. Most of the combatants and their supporting forces came home to resume life and to attempt to restore normalcy.

Among those returning were many who had burned bridges when they departed—only to discover that life does go on and that memory persists and that decisions made must be accounted for in results and effects. Some had thrown over the traces and gone against rules and standards which seemed too restrictive in the face of an unknown future. They had wanted to taste life and had tried, only to discover, like the prodigal son, that they had wasted an inheritance of great meaning for experience that left them on an animal plane. The solid majority took up the



challenge at home where they had left it, moving on to lives of substance and strength.

Youth today has a future. It does not seem a promising future, on the face of it, and it certainly will not be an easy future for those who are unable or unprepared or unwilling to meet the tests. For those who are it will be an exciting future, no doubt the most significant time to live in all the history of mankind. It will be a true watershed of history, with knowledge and the power to bless and to create pouring forth for the use of those who are ready to make the most of them.

The WIDE Horizons

By Derek Dixon

★ While civilization spreads abroad and luxuries become necessities for a greater part of the human race, the youth of the nations pine. They long for wide horizons and noble causes. But who shall blow a trumpet for them and hand to them a standard to be planted on the distant hills? The great mountains of the earth have all been climbed and islands and continents that once were full of mystery and strangeness have become the tramping ground of every second-class tourist.

As for the sea, the Drakes of the present era have taken to sailing smaller boats that don't need any crew; and outer space gives opportunity to only a few Columbuses. The result? Frustration!

And yet never has the world stood in greater need of the sort of men and women who opened up the continents and mastered the seas. And the world still needs its Luthers and Riddleys too. For those who have the desire, the courage and the faith, opportunities lie like manna on the ground—opportunities sufficient to satisfy all the inward

powers of the spirit and bring to fullest fruit the divine potential locked in all men.

And for those who have eyes to see the greatest opportunities of all lie within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When a man seeks to establish a name for himself and peace in the earth by growing a wretched beard, and long, lank, dirty hair; and by curious acts of civil disobedience, his name will not endure beyond the morning. But let him seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion by humble submission to all that the Lord requires, and his name will be held in honourable remembrance from one generation to the next.

For in the days that Jesus Christ walked the shores of Galilee, there were many groups, sects and societies in the land, all seeking to gain their ends and justify themselves by acts of violence and civil disobedience. But where are they now? Blown away like cornshucks in the wind! And what of the Nazarene who walked the quiet way

Directed To Youth

His Father marked out before Him? There is scarcely a man that lives who has not heard His name; and as for His followers: we give their names to our children. And it was these men, walking the quiet way, who changed the world in many respects; for the world is not changed by militant masses and groups, but by courageous individuals who are willing to live and die for the truth—men and women who grasp the opportunity presented to them to live the truth.

We may not all of us be Apostles but the opportunity to be like these men of old and modern times is ours. We are in the same Church; the message is the same. We may think we are small and of no consequence, but the men who followed Jesus Christ were not born kings; they were all of the humblest origins and occupations. So, while acquiring humility, let us cast away any feelings we may have of inferiority.

Each one of us is full of the seeds of divine gifts. The Church is the perfect garden in which to bring these seeds to flower. Its organization is the most fertile place in the world for seeds to spring up. And there is a place for all. In fact, for those who have eyes to see, there is a "Wanted" notice stretched in blazing suns across the sky that reads:

WANTED! Young men and women willing to live and die for the truth.

WANTED! Young men and women not afraid to speak out against and eschew the permissive morality of the times.

WANTED! Young men and women concerned with Gospel scholarship who can defend and protect the Lord's people against the destructive impositions and false assumptions of the present age.

WANTED! Young men and women who love liberty more than life.

WANTED! Young men and women who do not sit and passively wait for life to come to them, but who are up and doing all that their hands find to do, whether it be scrubbing a floor or building an empire.

WANTED! Young men and women truly determined to walk and talk with God, so that He can use them as beacons upon high hills to warn and guide the nations.

WANTED! Young men and women to bear off the Kingdom of God triumphant!

O, the opportunities for growth within the Church are a multitude! For the least assignment in the Church, if rightly understood, is a door to greater opportunities, so long as it be magnified. To those who feel every assignment is a burden and perform it grudgingly the task becomes a closed door leading nowhere; but to those who look upon every assignment as a joy and perform it with all their heart, every task is an open door with steps beyond leading onward and upward. And in addition we would say that the man does not live who has fully grasped the potential of the Priesthood laid upon him or who has magnified it to even an infinitesimal part of its true power. Let him pursue just that one end and he shall find himself a lifetime's work.

So we say to the young men and women of the Church: Bring your courage and integrity and your noblest desires; for here is work to match your finest qualities. Here are standards to be planted and deeds to be done. And their fruits will reach beyond the darkness of the night that creeps across the nations and ripen fully in that great morning when the Master says, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord.

Opportunities In Seeking Education

by Ronald Asher

Manchester Ward Manchester Stake

★ It is a great privilege to me to have been asked to write this article. I have been very fortunate in my education. I have had wonderful opportunities.

I started school at the age of five and at the age of eleven entered a Secondary Bilsteral School. In 1962 I passed seven subjects at ordinary level in the General Certificate of Education. I was then able to enter the sixth form of the local grammar school.

I obtained Advanced Level G.C.E. passes in mathematics, physics and chemistry. In October of 1964 I began a de-

gree course in chemistry at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. I was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science on July 12th 1967. I am now engaged in research work at Manchester which I hope will lead to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

During my time at university, I have met many interesting people. I have made friends of several nationalities. There are a considerable number of overseas students in most universities. Manchester offers much in social and

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recreational facilities. We have a large sports centre, several playing fields. Many sports are played. There are clubs and societies covering a wide spectrum of interests such as a Tiddleywinks Club and a Debating Society.

There are very long vacations at Manchester. They amount to almost six months of the year. There are arrangements for cheap foreign travel for those who so desire. I had far more free time as an undergraduate than I had previously or am likely to have in the future.

We are most fortunate in this country to receive financial support from public authorities. I was able to keep myself with the maintenance award and a little extra I earned during the long summer vacation.

A person who has two 'A' level passes qualifies for a Major Award for the appropriate local authority. This is a maintenance award of £340, plus tuition fees. Similar arrangements exist for Teacher Training Colleges.

The entrance requirement for a university is four 'O' level and two 'A' level G.C.E. passes (minimum) with certain subjects specified, usually a foreign language at 'O' level is one of these.

For a Teacher Training College five 'O' levels are required with one 'A' level in some specialist courses. A university degree is required to teach in a grammar school.

Besides a full time course there are various other routes to a degree. For example, a degree can be taken part time, with evening study and possibly day release. Personally, I feel this is too much to tackle. The first year especially is a tremendous strain even with full time study. The pass rate in the final

exams for graduate membership of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, a first degree equivalent, is less than five per cent for part-time students.

Another type of course is the sandwich course. This usually takes four years, each of two terms, as opposed to the three years with three terms in each in a full-time course. As a result, the sandwich course is more intense. There are also six months in each year spent in industry. The total holidays amount to about four weeks.

Both of these latter two types of course have one advantage: the student is in a better financial position. The decision to be made on which type of course to follow is really whether it is better to have more money or longer holidays.

There are ample opportunities for evening study for everyone today. Most craft apprenticeships are coupled with evening study in the relevant subjects. There is more adult education than there has ever been, too. Subjects are not just academic ones. There are courses on car maintenance, flower arranging and other practical subjects.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE! IT IS UP TO **YOU** TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM.

Personal History

Ronald Asher was born May 26th, 1946 at Bulwell, Nottingham. His parents were baptised at Derby in 1950 and have been members of the Nottingham Ward since then. Ronald was baptised a member of the Church at the age of eight. His sister, born in 1951, is also a member. At present Ronald is an Elder's Group Leader and a Stake Missionary.

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Importance of Education

By Bishop John H. Vandenberg
Presiding Bishop

★ "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth." These are the words of the ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, as he took note of the vital position occupied by education in his time.

We need only to pause briefly and look to the great men who have influenced history to conclude, as did Aristotle, that education is the key to achievement. Whether we look at the Christ in His youth with the elders in the temple, or Moses in the royal courts where he "learned the wisdom of the Egyptians" or Paul who sought

learning at the "feet of Gamaliel," we see the importance of education being underlined.

There is one product of education that has assumed greater importance today than ever before in history. We're speaking, of course, of the need for education in order to provide for the economic well-being of your future family.

Education Important

In referring to this facet of education, President McKay has said: "Students enter school primarily to gain economic or social advantage. But this aim is not always achieved, nor is it, nor should it be, the highest purpose

of education. However, we must not underestimate the value of obtaining an education for a livelihood. Education for economic advancement is a good investment for the individual as well as for the state." (Gospel Ideals, p. 429.)

Education, in this age of technology, has become a prerequisite for the greatest percentage of employment opportunities. Jobs that previously required only a strong back have now been replaced by machinery.

Many high school graduates have come to face the harsh reality that in order to obtain a job with which they would be satisfied, they will need additional vocational or professional training. In consequence of this situation, the First Presidency issued this counsel: "The Church has long encouraged its members, and especially its youth, either to obtain a college education or to become well trained in some vocation in a trade school. The jobs that require no education or training are decreasing from year to year and soon will be practically non-existent. We therefore strongly suggest that . . . all young people . . . engage informal study of some kind beyond high school."

Train Yourself Well

Young people, it is well that you take note of this situation and incorporate post-high school training into your plans. The dividends will be far more than just economic, for without further training you will be relegated to mundane, routine tasks at best, and periods of unemployment as the rule. Sylvia Porter, writer of a nationally syndicated column on business finance, in referring to the need for young people to be trained, said that in consequence of not

being trained, " . . . you will so handicap yourself that through all the years ahead, you will be either in the low-paying industries or submarginal factories or in the dulllest of occupations, and periodically you'll be in the ranks of the unemployed. This is not preaching. . . . This is certainty."

Why seek additional vocational and professional education? The answer is, at least economically, obvious. But as President McKay said, this shouldn't be "the highest purpose of education."

What, then, are some of the greater purposes of education? To quote President McKay again, he said: "Character is the aim of true education; and science, history, and literature are but means used to accomplish this desired end." The Lord mentioned a similar aim of education in a revelation to the Prophet Joseph when He stated: "And I give unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom."

'Teach Diligently'

"Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand;

"Of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must come shortly to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms.

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"That ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you." (D&C 88: 77-80.)

So with the words of the Lord, the study of history, math, English, and so forth, takes on additional meaning for Latter-day Saint youth. The Lord expects you to be well educated so that you will magnify your missions and callings in the building up of His kingdom.

Apply Knowledge

But you will not be able to realize the intent of the Lord by merely gaining knowledge; there is an additional dimension that must be considered. President McKay stresses this additional dimension in these words: "But gaining knowledge in one thing, and applying it is quite another. Wisdom is the right application of knowledge . . . to the development of a noble and godlike character. A man may

possess a profound knowledge of history and of mathematics; he may be (an) authority in psychology, biology, or astronomy; he may know all (about whatever has been discovered) pertaining to general and natural science; but if he has not with this knowledge that nobility of soul which prompts him to deal justly with his fellow men, to practice virtue and holiness in personal life, he is not a truly educated man." (Gospel Ideals, p. 440.)

Thus, education is that element which, if handled properly, can, when added to our lives, provide the sweetest of joy—the gaining of which, as the Prophet Lehi stated, is the purpose of man's experience in mortality.

Young men of the Aaronic Priesthood and young women, pursue your education— ". . . get wisdom." It makes sense economically, and true education is a spiritual necessity. And to paraphrase Aristotle, the fate of the kingdom of God depends on "true" education of the youth of the Church.

★ Some people are waiting for opportunity to break the door down and come in.

★ Many times we make our own opportunities. Some would say its like being in the right place at the right time.

OPPORTUNITIES AS A PARENT

by Margaret Porter

Western Park Branch, Leicester Stake



★ My husband and I joined the Church eighteen years ago and have had the opportunity of seeing our four children grow up in the Church. We have taught them the true principles of the Gospel and also tried to be an example to them. I have taught in Primary and Sunday School for over ten years, and the lessons I gave there have helped me in teaching my family. I have always had faith in praying to my Heavenly Father, and have stressed this to my children and taught them to pray always. We are close as a family and know that "a family that prays together, stays together."

Our life has not been smooth all the time, but through our faith and prayers, we get by. One of my greatest blessings is my health and strength, and the will to carry on, especially when things

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do not work out the way we want them to.

Being in the Church makes a difference to one's life and we are greatly blessed as a family. We are now beginning to see the results of our years of teaching. Our eldest daughter, Valerie, provided one of our most sacred blessings when she was married in the London Temple. She now has two little daughters of her own, and is, I think, a model mother, teaching again, by example. Valerie holds the position of Junior Sunday School Co-ordinator, while my other daughter, Susan, is secretary of the Senior Sunday School.

Our son, Brian, is a deacon and our youngest child Paul just loves going to Church. As I have mentioned before, it does reflect on your children when you bring them up in the Gospel. Susan is planning to be married shortly, and her desire is to be married in the

Temple, and once more I am grateful that she feels this way.

I know it is a great opportunity and responsibility to be a parent. We are entrusted with children to bring them up to be righteous and to live good lives. However we as parents live, then our children will follow in our footsteps. It is so important that we set good examples. We hope and pray that all of our children will marry in the Temple, and be good members of the Church. If this wish comes true then our teachings will not have been in vain.

(Sister Porter is 2nd counsellor in the Branch Primary, and a teacher in Sunday School. Her husband, Albert Edward Porter, is Branch President of the recently organised Western Park Branch at Leicester. He has previously served as bishop of the Leicester Ward and on the Stake High Council.)

OUR PURPOSE

"Our purpose ... is to develop our bodies, to attempt perfection in them, so that the spirit which God grants the privilege of dwelling in this body of clay shall, in its development, be unhampered by physical imperfections."

—Antoine R. Ivins



RECIPES FOR YOU



★ The recipes this month come from some Relief Society sisters from Eastwood Ward, Leicester Stake.

BUFFALO SPONGE PUDDING

By Glenda Leach

4 oz. self-raising flour

2 oz. sugar

2 oz. margarine

1 egg

2 tble. milk

Directions:

Cream margarine and sugar in a warm basin. Stir in flower and beaten egg and milk alternately, a little at a time. Mix thoroughly. Mixture should be soft. Pour into a well-greased 7 inch sandwich cake tin. Smooth top level with a knife. Bake in a moderate oven (325°-350° — Mark 3-4) about 30 minutes. Cool. Top with Chocolate Cream.

CHOCOLATE CREAM

2 oz. margarine

2 oz. icing sugar

2 tsp. cocoa

Cream together thoroughly and spread on cake when cake is warm. Serve with custard.

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PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN PUDDING

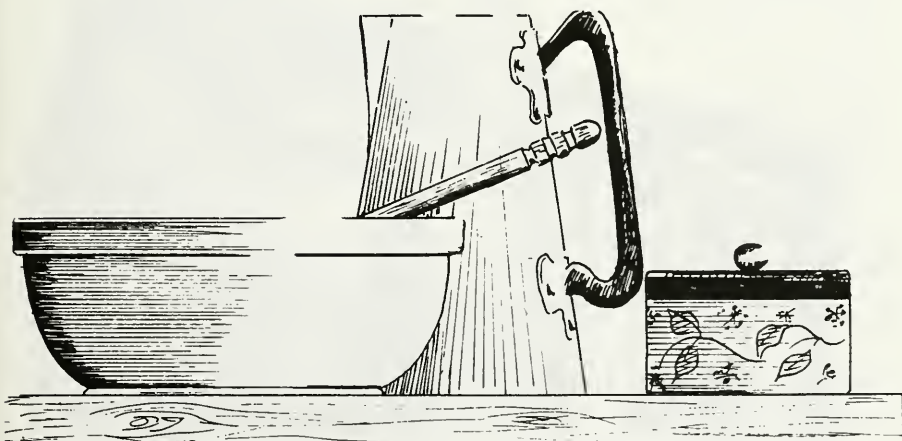
By Lillian Barner

Put pineapple rings in a baking dish with a little juice and sugar. Cover with your own sponge recipe mixture and cook in moderate oven 30 minutes. When baked, turn so that the pineapple is on top and serve with custard.

Helpful Hints

★ When measuring syrup, honey, jam or anything sticky, flour the scales first. The syrup slides off easily, saves washing up, scraping off and waste, too.

When straining oil after deep frying, line the strainer with paper toweling. After straining, lift out the paper (laden with impurities) and wash the sieve easily.



Opportunities For Service



Josephine W. Overton

**Central British Mission Primary
President**

★ My husband, two sons, Peter and Paul, and I joined the Mormon Church 15 years ago. Three years later, we had the blessing of a baby daughter whom we called Caroline.

My calling in the Church has been mainly with the Primaries, but I also

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help in the Relief Society. It was while helping in Relief Society that I realized what a wonderful opportunity, that we as a Church have for service to others, God and ourselves.

By helping others we grow in the Gospel.

My Mother was the first to show me that this is the only true way to lasting happiness. She was always helping someone less fortunate than herself. Even when I had taken her a plant or some flowers, when I walked down the street the next day they had appeared in someone else's window.

In the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, we are taught that "When ye are in the service of your fellow men, ye are in the service of your God." Not only the service of fellow members of the Church, but all worthy causes.

A Rev. Curcus once wrote, "The Mormon Church only looks after its own." I could not let him get away with that idea, so I wrote to him telling him how mistaken he was, that we did not publish what we did, as we know it is best our left hands should not know what our right hand is doing. I went on to tell him of some of the things that the members of the Peterborough branch were doing. In Oxfam, we have members on the committee arranging concerts, walks, fashion shows etc. Also, the Relief Society helps the Mentally Handicapped Association.

Have you ever had the privilege of helping at a Mentally Handicapped Christmas Party? I shall never forget

the first time they called on our Relief Society to help. It was one of the most sad, and yet rewarding experiences of my life. To see how devoted the Mothers are that look after these children year after year is remarkable. What joy they have of seeing their children enjoying themselves is plain to see. Each sister has said, when she goes home that she goes down on her knees to give thanksgivings for the blessing of her healthy children.

When we work together in the Church, we can achieve much, and our opportunities are great in the service that we as sisters, have towards our families.

Perhaps we are a part member family, or we have an aged parent who needs us, a brother or sister outside the Church who would like a visit.

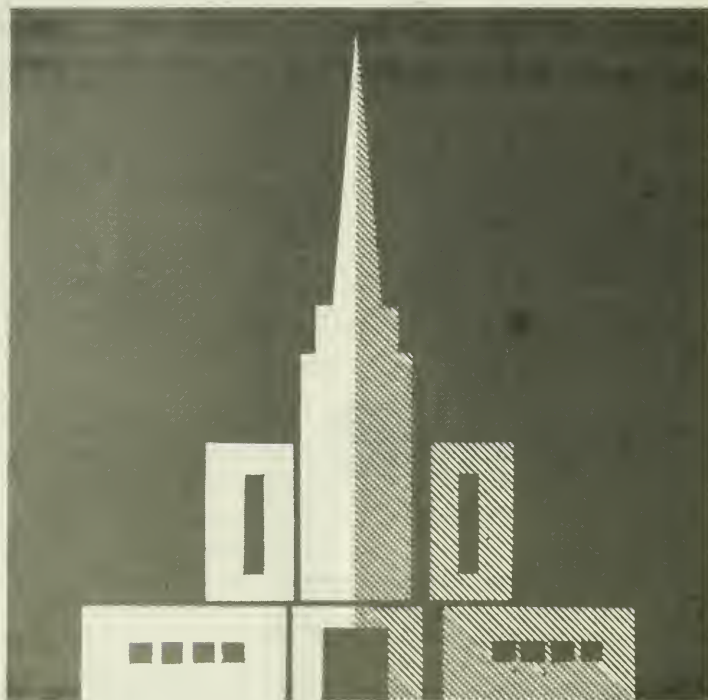
We must not neglect these, but be perhaps more diligent than ever to their needs. We must always keep in mind, God's greatest gift to man is his free agency.

Serving others outside the Church helps us to be tolerant and helps us see an other man's point of view which is as precious to our Heavenly Father as our own.

The sisters of the Peterborough branch were thrilled when they presented the Mayor of Peterborough a cheque for £20 together with a Book of Mormon for his cancer appeal.

As our 13th article of Faith states: "If there is anything lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy we seek after these things."

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In The Church

by Derek A. Cuthbert

★ Early in my Church life I learned the 'simple equation that one opportunity taken equals many blessings gained. This great Church to which we are privileged to belong, is truly a Church of opportunity and blessings.

I remember the day after being baptised in January 1951, I amazed myself

and my wife by asking the Branch President if I might speak in a Sacrament Meeting. I had never spoken before a group before, but having been enlightened by the missionary elders that in the Church the members "do everything," I just could not wait. The subject upon which I spoke was "Faith and

Opportunities

Works," and how my faith and testimony have grown over the intervening years as opportunities for service have presented themselves. "Be ye anxiously engaged in a good cause" soon became a watchword, and the Church quickly took its rightful place at the centre of all our family activities.

We are very proud and happy to be a Latter-day Saint Family, and having had nine fine healthy children, the opportunities for Church activity have been a great boon. I have always been impressed at the way the youngest children are encouraged in Sunday School and Primary to play their part. A prayer, a song, a playlet, a helping hand; so many ways in which our little ones can participate. As our children become involved in these programmes, they "Grow in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man," just as the boy Jesus did.

Before I even knew what the letters M.I.A. stood for, I was thrown in the deep end as Branch Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent. I soon learned they stood for Many Inspiring Activities. The opportunities are boundless, and the achievement programme of the Church can develop young people as no other programme can, spiritually, mentally, physically, socially.

Arts, Athletics and Administration combine to lead the youth into a wholesome, responsible, purposeful way of life. Opportunities and blessings come thick and fast, as we gain confidence and competence through righteous activity.

Recently my wife and I were asked to speak at a Stake M. Men/Gleaner gathering, to tell of our experiences in gaining the Master M Man and Golden Gleaner Awards. What a choice assign-



Derek A. Cuthbert

ment; to share with these eager young people the blessings which have come to us through taking the opportunities and accepting the challenges the Lord has prepared for us. We were both able to tell how the M.I.A. helped us to start writing pantomimes, one-act plays, roadshows, and magazine articles, and if we can, anybody can! This applies also to my inclusion in the M.I.A. choir, for this gave the opportunity to convince myself that perhaps I wasn't completely tone-deaf after all.

And how fortunate we are in the Church to be able to conduct meetings, prepare programmes and organise a variety of activities which only a few months or years ago we never dreamed we could. All of us have heard the new member say "I'll never be able to get up there and speak," or "Please don't ask me to give the opening prayer." The next week, they are right in the thick of it, and never look back.

As we become immersed in the wonderful world of Mormonism, we often tend to forget, what it has done for us, where we would have been without it, or where our children might have strayed without the Church standards to guide them, how we would otherwise have likely squandered time and tithing on material things. As it is we have laid up for ourselves treasures in heaven, acquired a more rounded personality, and become capable of speaking, interviewing, counselling participating and a host of other resultant blessings from the opportunities and training the Lord provides through His Church.

The aspect of leadership training came home to me particularly forcibly only a few days ago, when a business acquaintance mentioned that his company would shortly be sending him on a Management Training Course at an American University at a cost of well over £2,000. In the Church the management training available and opportunities for leadership which present themselves are there for all and are completely free. Let us consider the main essentials.

1. **Knowledge**—The Church programme encourages us to study and exercise our minds, and continually seek to add to our storehouse of knowledge and experience. The Glory of God is Intelligence.
2. **Human Relations**—The community life so typical of Mormonism with meetings and socials, firesides and seminars, and always something happening, helps us to understand and appreciate people, helps us get along with them and creates in us the desire both to give and to receive help.
3. **Enthusiasm**—The worst enemy anyone can have is apathy, and the best friend is enthusiasm. True faith, sin-

cere testimony create this enthusiasm, "Let your light shine forth," "Be illumined," "Warn your neighbour," "Brothers Keeper." Action on these will spring from enthusiasm, which will rub off on others, and this is necessary for good management and good leadership.

4. **Vision**—Have you ever been in a rut? Ever felt humdrum? These phrases should be foreign to the active Latter-day Saint, who knows what life is all about; and the purpose of it. With so much to do, so much to prepare for, so much to look forward to, the vision of the future unfolds before our eyes. The quality of vision is essential to be able to inspire and lead others.
5. **Humility**—To be humble is not to be weak, but to be teachable, prayerful, and reliant on the arm of the Lord to sustain us. The overbearing leader or manager will soon lose respect and effectiveness, when support and response come unwillingly and force replaces free agency.

The great Church leader and educator

Elder Adam S. Bennion summed up these five laws of leadership very succinctly as follows:

1. You gotta know you stuff.
2. You gotta understand people.
3. You gotta spread contagion.
4. You gotta see through today to tomorrow.
5. You gotta have help.

I am humbly grateful to be a Latter-day Saint, to be a member of the Lord's Church, the Church of Opportunity and Blessing. May we all recognise the great opportunities around us for leadership development, for the sharing of blessings and the building of the Lord's Kingdom.

Poetry Contest

Rules

Announced

★ The Millennial Star Poetry Contest closes August 15, 1968. Prizes will be awarded and winning poems will be published in the Millennial Star.

Rules for the contest:

1. This contest is open to all Latter-day Saints.
2. Only one poem may be submitted by each contestant.
3. The poem must not exceed fifty lines and should be typewritten, if possible. Where this cannot be done, it should be legibly written. Only one side of the paper is to be used. (A duplicate copy of the poem should be retained by contestants to ensure against loss.)
4. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the poem.
5. A signed statement is to accompany the poem submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That the poem (state title) is the contestant's original work.
 - c. That it has never been published
 - d. That it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication.
 - e. That it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest is decided.

Using Our Talents – POETRY

By Gillian Brown-Lee

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★ "Poetry is first a gift, then an art—both the gift and the art demand cultivation." We especially of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints know that whenever a talent is given we are expected to use and magnify that talent.

Can you write poetry? Most of us can, and elsewhere in this issue you will find the rules for the first poetry contest to be held by the Millennial Star. The natural talent of writing poetry can better be developed and made more pleasing by a basic knowledge of the metres and rules involved.

The framework on which poetry is built is called the metre: a system of regular stresses, so many to the line. This, to the poet, is what the warp is to the weaver; and into this warp the poet weaves what he has to say. The unit or group of syllables, the regular recurrence of which creates rhythm, is called the foot. There are four main

feet, as in the following examples:

Iambic

The boy/ stood on /the burn/ing deck./

Trochaic

Lead me/into/life et/ernal/

Dactylic

Praise to the/man who com/muned with
Jeh/ovah

Anapaestic

'Tis the voice/of the slugg/ard I hear/
him complain/

(denotes the unstressed syllables,
and — the stressed ones.)

The feet are grouped together in various numbers in order to form the lines of the poem.

The most common and most simple formation of lines and metre is that used by most children and beginners in writing verse. This is in iambic feet and is four lines of four, three, four and three feet respectively. This produces a slightly bouncy rhythm which can rapidly become boring.

And in/that town/a dog/was found/
As man/y dogs/there be/
Both mong/rel, pup/py, whelp/and
hound,/br/>And curs/of low/degree.

(Goldsmith: "Elegy on a Mad Dog")

To advance from this, the new poet
may try five iambic feet in a line as in
the following:

The hes/itat/ing rose/unfolds/a flower./
The young/birds test/their first/slight
fly/ing power./

The grass/grows long./the pansy fac/es
smile,/

And Natu/re seems/to feel/herself/on
trial./

This lengthening of line smooths out
the poem and makes it more restful in
effect.

It would be quite impossible to in-
clude all types of rhythm in a short
article—the variations are almost end-
less. The same applies to rhyme—one
can rhyme the first two lines and second

two lines, or first and third, and second
and fourth, or one needn't rhyme at
all.

If you have read this far, and you are
still interested, I would suggest that
firstly you try writing for yourself, and
then you acquire a good rhyming dic-
tionary to help in perfecting rhymes.
Then I would admonish you to read, and
read—any kind of poetry that appeals
to you. Then write again—and so on.

I can assure you that though you
may not ever write a sonnet or an
elegy, if you really desire to produce
poetry and you pray for guidance, you
will succeed.

A rough uncut diamond is a thing of
great beauty, but it becomes more
beautiful as it is cut and polished. In
the same way, an original thought set
down on paper is a unique jewel which
practice and study can polish.

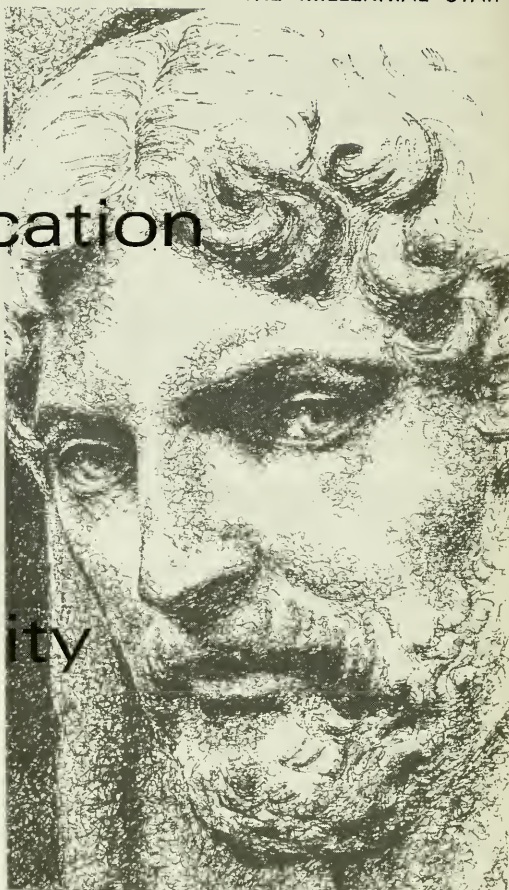
I only hope that you gain as much
joy from practising as I do.

Dedication

I took my pen, and tried in vain, to write,
But found the words would neither form nor flow,
My brush could not make colours live and glow,
Nor could my needle stitch a captive flight
Of swallows on the canvas. In this plight
My thoughts turned unto thee, I came to know
That on my own, my talents could not grow,
But rest forever dormant—out of sight.
I prayed to thee my Father, and I learned
Thy wondrous love and blessing was my staff,
My inspiration must be truly earned,
My talents should be used on thy behalf,
So, having found the goal for which I yearned,
I wrote my own eternal epitaph.

—Gillian G. Brown-Lee
High Wycombe Branch

Communication With God An Actuality



by Elder Spencer W. Kimball

★ We know little about interplanetary conversation between planets of the same order and development, but we know that such messages on a two-way circuit have been heard and understood by earth men and properly interpreted to dying civilizations throughout the ages, and this in line with the thought of the dying worlds and the living worlds and the aborning worlds.

The scriptures postulate that worlds have gone out of existence through

self-destruction, but other worlds have gone on unto perfection, and communication between the higher and the lower is not only possible, but is also an actuality. At the controlling centre of the universe in such a perfected world is God. He knows all things which could possibly affect us, and because of His experience in His creation of us in His image, He is eager that we become like Him—perfect. Accordingly, He has continued communication with us

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through the millennia. Without plane or rocket, messengers have come.

Our surprise is greatest in the last conclusion made by the German astronomer when he expresses the belief that "the earth's young civilization is now approaching its first great crisis because of its new found powers of self destruction," and "man's best hope of avoiding disaster is to listen hard for radioed advice. Far out in starry space," he says, "perhaps is an old wise civilization that has survived many crises and is trying to warn the callow earth against the mistakes of its own youth." What an astute observation!

The Right Line

Yet for thousands of years our omniscient Heavenly Father from His old wise world has been trying to get His children to listen hard for such radioed advice and televised wisdom, but they were blind of eyes and dull of ears. They were not connected to the power line.

Handwritten messages of warning have come to wicked Belshazzars, who, with lords and ladies in ugly debauchery, drank wines from golden vessels stolen from holy temples, and empires collapsed, and while drunkenness and sensual indulgence were at their height, there "... came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

"Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." (Daniel 5:5-6.) This was a message from another world. Daniel interpreted the solemn warning. On another continent Aminadi "... interpreted the writing which was upon the



wall of the temple, which was written by the finger of God." (Alma 10:2.)

Another message written by the Lord on two sets of stone tables came from Mt. Sinai, "... And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments." (Exodus 34:28.)

Many Communications

How else except through interplanetary messages could landlubber Nephi, without experience, have built a seaworthy ship which would safely cross an ocean? How could Noah have known the minute specifications for an ark to ride the flood successfully? How else could Moses know the dimensions, materials, and uses of the tabernacle, and how else could Solomon know the specifications for his temple?

Radioed programmes came in great numbers through the ages, faithfully interpreted by the Jeremiahs, the Ezekiels, and the Daniels; by the Nephis, the Moronis, the Benjamins; by the

Peters, the Pauls, and the Joseph Smiths. Better than radio or television communications, have come personal messengers without plane, or rocket ship, from God's abode to announce the birth of Isaac, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the coming of Saul to Damascus. Through some programme, perhaps something like super-television, Joseph saw the coming famine in Egypt so he could warn Pharaoh and save his own people. And another Joseph saw a trans-space programme causing him to flee to Egypt with the Christ-child, and then to return to Nazareth.

Peter saw a picture of the four-cornered sheet filled with beasts and heard voices which were to send the proselyting programme not only to Jews, but also to all the world. A messenger from the Father crossed space to announce, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And from out in space came suddenly "... a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." (Luke 2:11, 13-14.)

"He Is Risen"

Comforting messengers stood by the Christ in Gethsemane after His momentous decision. One from far outspace was outside Jerusalem's wall by the

empty tomb, and "... rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." (Mat. 28:2.) He said, "... Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

"He is not here: for he is risen, ..." (Matt. 28:5-6.)

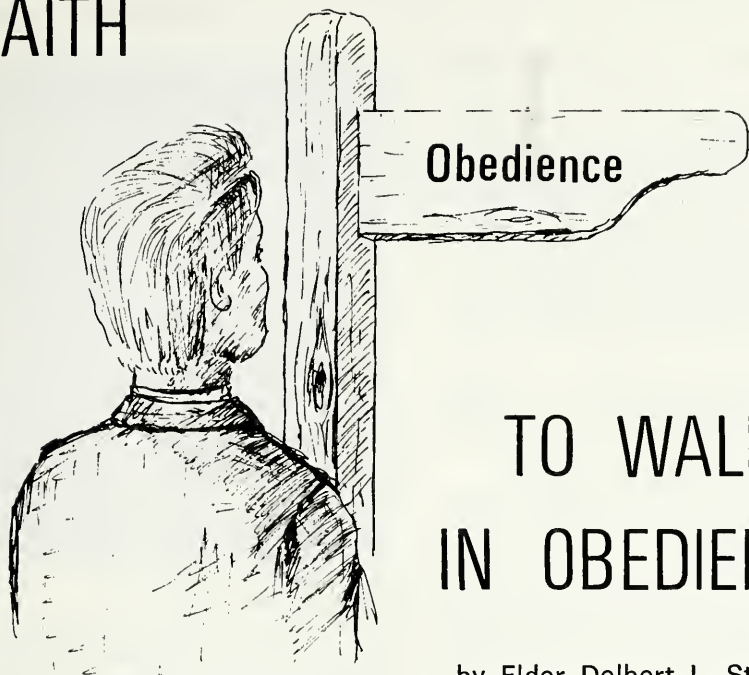
And there were two men undetained by space or time, standing on the Mt. of Olives who said, "ye men of Galilee, ... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Just last century a space messenger came to Joseph Smith, announcing, "... that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God ... that his name was Moroni; that God had a work for (him) to do; ..." (Joseph Smith 2:33.) In a single night repeated visits and the crossing through space from earth to the abode of God, seemed to be negotiated without limitation of time or space or gravity's pull!

From the centre of the universe where the power, the light, the direction, and the intelligence originates, came another messenger announcing himself as the resurrected John the Baptist. Anciently beheaded, now resurrected, he came to restore the keys and powers which he himself had possessed on earth. He was followed by three other messengers, Peter, James, and John, who restored the Melchizedek Priesthood with all its powers and authority.



FAITH



TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE

by Elder Delbert L. Stapley

★ I desire to challenge you to have faith in God; know that He lives, that He is the Father of our spirits, that we are created in the image of His Person, that we possess like traits, qualities, and powers, that we are in very deed His children, that He loves us and has made glorious preparation in His many mansions for our eternal well-being.

Have faith in life and its purpose; know that God has provided and planned it for our joy and happiness. Live each day wisely and fruitfully.

Have faith in Christ, our Lord, as the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh, who is full of grace and truth.

Have faith that He is the Babe of Bethlehem, as chronicled by Gospel writers.

Have faith that Jesus is the Author of peace and salvation to the people of the world.

Have faith in His Gospel plan of salvation, exaltation, and glory.

Have faith in His matchless love in giving His life as an atoning sacrifice to ransom souls of men from the grave.

Have faith that He is our Redeemer, Saviour, and God; that there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

His Ministry—Teachings

Have faith in His earthly ministry and divine teachings which lead to joy and happiness in life.

Have faith in His resurrection and ascension to glory and that He now sits on the right hand of God the Father.

Have faith that by His resurrection He broke the bands of death, and that

resurrection of the body applies to all mankind.

Have faith in the First Vision of this dispensation.

Have faith that God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, personally appeared to the boy Joseph Smith and revealed themselves to him.

Have faith in Joseph Smith as a true Prophet of God, called to usher in this, the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times.

Have faith in the Church and kingdom of God established by our Lord through Joseph Smith.

Continued Revelation

Have faith in the restored Gospel of Christ as revealed anew to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Have faith in continued revelation. Have faith in all that God has revealed. Have faith that he will yet reveal many great and important things concerning His work and kingdom.

Have faith in priesthood authority, knowing that the Lord has said, "For he that receiveth my servants, receiveth me." (D&C 84:36.)

Have faith in the Book of Mormon and its inspiring message of truth and faith.

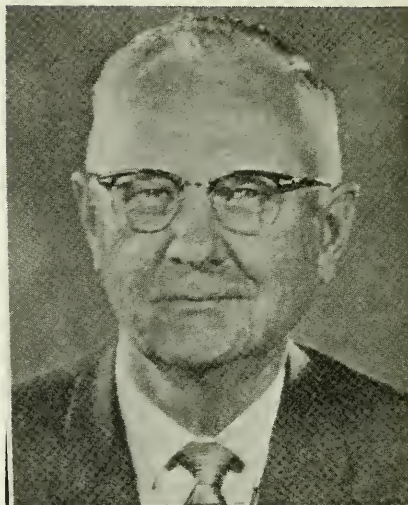
Have faith in the Doctrine and Covenants and in its doctrines and teachings which apply to our day and time.

Have faith in the Pearl of Great Price and its valuable information and teachings by two chosen prophets of God—Abraham, the father of the faithful, and Moses, the great law-giver.

Your Heritage

Have faith in your heritage as descendants of Abraham, that you belong to the house of Israel and are children and heirs of promise.

Have faith in our beloved President, David O. McKay, who is not only the President of the Church, but is also prophet, seer, and revelator to the



Church and the world today.

Have faith to pray for and sustain him in his high calling and position.

Have faith to be humble and believe and not doubt.

Have faith to receive and obey the truths, principles, and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ.

Set Aside Own Views

Have faith to set aside your own views and personal desires to do God's will with confidence and good works.

Have faith in the value of service and be willing to devote your time, talents, and gifts to the building of the kingdom and to the blessing of people.

Have faith to be honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men.

Have faith that God will bless and reward the faithful who love Him and serve Him in righteousness and in truth unto the end.

Have faith to do these things, walking always in obedience to the commandments, doing those things that will please the Lord and lead you back into His presence.

BAPTISM ESSENTIAL TO ALL

by Elder Eldred G. Smith

★ Jesus said to Nicodemus, " . . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto the, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:3-5.)

Jesus confirmed this principle Himself in His own baptism as is recorded in Matthew:

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

"But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

"And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Than he suffered him." (Matt. 3:13-15.)

Necessary For All

If baptism were so necessary for Jesus, who was a perfect man, without sin, the very Son of God, to fulfil all

righteousness, then how much more necessary must it be for all others to receive baptism. Then, too, if the Lord requires baptism to see or enter into the kingdom of God, then the Lord is obligated to provide a plan or way whereby all mankind may receive the important ordinance.

You recall that after the Saviour's crucifixion and before His resurrection, He was preaching to the spirits in prison, as is recorded in First Peter. This opens the way for those who do not have the opportunity in this life of hearing the Gospel and accepting baptism to accept its teachings after death. This does not provide the ordinance of baptism. If the plan were to stop here without provision for the actual baptism, all the efforts of Jesus in the spirit world would be in vain. This must be done on earth.

Preservation Of Records

The next step in a plan of justice would call for records on the earth to identify those who lived and died without the Gospel. The Lord has inspired people throughout the ages to preserve records. Many great national

leaders have made great efforts to preserve vital records. Man has inherently made and preserved records. One of the inherent traits of the Israelites is that they are a record-keeping people. Members and nonmembers alike are obligated to gather family records.

On April 3, 1836, in the Kirtland Temple, Elijah the prophet appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and bestowed upon them the keys of the sealing power of the priesthood. This is the power and authority to fulfill all the sealing ordinances of the Gospel, including baptism, for both the living and the dead.

Referring to the mission of Elijah, the Prophet Joseph Smith said, "The spirit, power, and calling of Elijah is, that ye have power to hold the key of the revelations, ordinances, oracles, powers, and endowments of the fulness of the Melchizedek Priesthood and of the kingdom of God on earth; and to receive, obtain, and perform all the ordinances belonging to the kingdom of God. . . ." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 337.)

"Greatest Responsibility"

The Prophet Joseph Smith also said, and I quote: "The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead. The Apostle (Paul) says, 'They without us cannot be made perfect;' (See Heb. 11:40) for it is necessary that the sealing power should be in our hands to seal our children and our dead for the fulness of the dispensation of times—a dispensation to meet the promises made by Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world for the salvation of man.

" . . . I will meet Paul half way. I say to you, Paul, you cannot be perfect without us. It is necessary that those who are going before and those who

come after us should have salvation in common with us; and thus hath God made it obligatory upon man. Hence, God said, 'I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.' " (Mal. 4:5-6, *ibid.*, p. 356.)

Valiant Spirits

The Lord does not stop here. The teaching in the spirit world has continued since the crucifixion of Christ. This means many are accepting the teachings all the time. Their descendants are found in all the nations of the earth. To assist those who have accepted the Gospel in the spirit world, the Lord has reserved many valiant spirits to come forth in this generation.

Just as the family of the Prophet Joseph Smith was moved from place to place until they settled in the area where the plates had laid buried for



many centuries, the Lord has reserved special, valiant spirits who in the pre-existence were so strong that the Lord knew they would accept the Gospel when they heard it.

We hear glowing reports of the progress in the missionary work. These are some of these special spirits to come forth in special families, away from the centre stakes of Zion, with a

special mission to be a saving power to their ancestors.

It is common for members in these newly organized stakes in the missions to be the only ones in their family to join the Church. A husband and wife may be the only members of the Church on each side of their families. They alone are responsible for all their family research.

How To Send In Your News

★ Officially there should be a Millennial Star News Reporter appointed for each Branch and Ward, who collect news items of interest and submit them to their District, Mission or Stake News representative, who in turn send them to our News Editor.

Because of the many changes that have taken place in the last 18 months, we now find that many stakes and missions do not have representatives. If you are in any doubt, then send your news items direct to: Muriel Cuthbert, 26, North Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham stating clearly which Branch/Mission, Ward/Stake it comes from.

Points to remember

The Star takes 6 weeks to prepare, so do not send in old news, report as soon as an event has taken place. Give full names, e.g. Mary Brown. not Sister Brown, or M. Brown. Print names, dates, and places clearly if you cannot type your report.

Give as much detail as you can in

a clear concise way, be careful of repetition.

Remember the deadline for each month is the 20th, this means that we want the news before then, otherwise it will have to wait until the next time, which will mean 12 weeks before you see it in print. If you send in photographs, it will help us to return them quicker if you **pencil** your name and address clearly on the back. And please, only send good clear photographs, black and white. Send the photographs with your news items.

We would like to suggest that for Stake/Mission Dances or events, that an official photographer be appointed, and that they take a whole roll of film and have it developed immediately. These pictures could also be used for your own historical records.

We would like to thank all the reporters who send in items regularly, without them the news section could not continue. We hope they will carry on with their good work.

Divinity Of The Saviour

by Elder Alma Sonne

★ Someone has said that the best evidence of Christ's divinity is Christ Himself.

A few years ago I made some notes which I headed, "Jesus Christ—a Reality." I had two reasons for making the notes. One was that I had just read an article entitled "Jesus Christ—a Myth," and the other was the reading of a summary in a Denver newspaper of some sermons delivered on the previous Sunday. One of the ministers, according to the report, made the following statement: "It matters not to me whether the historical Jesus lived or not so long as I have access to the philosophy of life which is attributed to Him."

The protestant minister who made this statement, it appears, is willing to teach Christianity without Christ. By so doing he removes the greatest and strongest incentive to live a Christ-like life. But Jesus cannot be disposed of in any such flippant and thoughtless manner. He still lives not only in the



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hearts of mankind but also on the pages of history, and He is still the most beautiful and attractive personality in human history.

Quotes Ingersoll

It was Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll who said many years ago: "For the man Jesus I have the profoundest admiration. I gladly pay to Him the homage of my tears; but for Jesus as the Son of God, I will have nothing to do with Him."

The statement made by Mr. Ingersoll is not one whit more unchristian than that made by the minister who occupied a Christian pulpit. It is said that when Ingersoll died many of the preachers in Christendom searched in their vocabularies for words that sting and bite with which to execrate his memory.

It is reported that Napoleon once said, "Is it not amazing that the ambitious dreams of Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and Napoleon Bonaparte should vanish into thin air and a Jewish peasant should extend a crucified hand across the pages of history and control the destinies of the human family?"

Six Influenced History

Some will recall that a few years ago H. G. Wells, the historian, was asked to write down the names of six characters in world history, who, in his opinion, had wielded the greatest influence for good among the children of men. Without any pause or hesitation he quickly wrote the name Jesus of Nazareth. He then remarked: "But I am not a Christian. I am a writer of history." He then put down four more names, all of which I have forgotten. But he ended the list with the name, Abraham Lincoln, who presided over the United States during the crucial days of the Civil War.

It was Lincoln who said: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I stand with a man who is right, and I stand with him as long as he is right, but I part company with him when he is wrong." I have always regarded Abraham Lincoln as our greatest statesman who exemplified Christian ideals in his management of the nation.

As intimidated by these men, Jesus stands alone even among the world's greatest like a tall majestic mountain which lifts its form above the hills and valleys. There is no one with whom He can be compared. We readily classify all leaders who have achieved and won fame in music, in art, in literature, in statesmanship, and even in militarism, but we cannot put Jesus with any group. History has accounted for most men.

Who Accounts For Jesus

The intellectual activity of the sixteenth century, for instance, produced Shakespeare, Milton, and many others. The struggle and desire for freedom in the eighteenth century made men like Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and others. The wild robber spirit of the east produced Alexander the Great. But who, except the believer, will account for Jesus? He came out of a city noted for ignorance, yet He rose to intellectual and spiritual heights. He lived in a period of hatred and bigotry, yet He personified love and goodwill. His name and fame have been remembered, and yet He wrote no book to keep alive His memory.

His Gospel of salvation was entrusted to a few humble men whom He trained for three years and sent forth to pro-

claim His truths. These men, judged by worldly standards, were meek and lowly and without influence in the recognized circles of their day. Discussion of Jesus has filled volumes. His memory is everywhere. He takes a place midmost in history and is the central figure around which events are woven. Strangely enough, He is both loved and hated. There are people on earth today who would crucify Him the second time were He to come again.

Can't Blot Him Out

A determined effort was made to blot Him out completely, yet He lives in the hearts of men and women the world over. Many have died for Him and there are many who would die for Him today if it were necessary. He is slowly but surely conquering the world. His contemporaries, like Pontius Pilate and Herod the Great, would probably have been forgotten were it not for their association and connection with Him during their lives.

What is the position of the Church with respect to this great, outstanding character about whom we have heard so much today.

Mormonism declares that Jesus Christ lived upon the earth, that He mingled with men, that He preached His powerful Sermon on the Mount to a small group of friends and associates who gathered on a mountainside, that He



performed mighty miracles, that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He was put to death on the cross by His enemies, that He arose from the grave on the third day after His crucifixion, and finally, that He is the Son of God.

Mormonism also declares that He chose twelve apostles, that He commissioned them to preach the Gospel of salvation which He had taught them, and that like Him they performed many miracles in His name and established His Church upon the earth.

May we always remember Him and keep all the commandments which He has given us.

Mothers— Essential To Every Home



by Elder Boyd K. Packer

★I address this to mothers of little children and recall for their contemplation these words from the Gospel of St. Mark:

"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

"But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." (Ibid., 10:13-14.)

While the responsibility to guide little children belongs to both parents, motherhood carries with it a special sacred influence. The programme of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will not pre-empt your privi-

leges, Mother. It is structured to strengthen you as a mother.

Strengthen Motherhood

None of it is calculated to diminish your influence in the home. But since there are good mothers—and better mothers—it is patterned to strengthen the very quality of your motherhood. There is a "Home Partnership" spirit in all that is done. How important it is that every mother be enthroned as a queen in her home, teaching the principles of life and salvation to her little ones.

It is common practice for parents to purchase insurance policies and open savings accounts that the children may attend college or fulfil missions. It is generally a good thing to do. But, mothers, in all of your looking into the

future, you may do well to look to the present. For premiums must be paid on character, too, not just monthly or quarterly or semiannually, but moment by moment, day by day, year in, year out. Character must be built little by little "... giving line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little, and there a little; . . ." (D&C 128:21.)

There is often humour in this solemn and sobering obligation, this teaching of the Gospel to the little children; they have a way of making it pleasant. One mother in South Carolina told me of her youngster who was contesting with a neighbour child over the question, which is the only true church? Her child finally said, "Well, we have a prophet at the head of our Church." The other child conceded finally with the thought, "I guess ours is a non-profit organisation."

Save Mothers From What?

There is a trend in the world today—and unfortunately in the Church—for women to want to be emancipated. And we wonder at times—emancipated from what? From domesticity? From motherhood? From happiness? And to what are you in slavery? Your children? It is neither necessary nor desirable for the mother of little children to become a drudge or to be relegated to a position of servitude. It is not, however, uncommon to see women—interestingly enough many in the financially well-to-do category—over-suffeiting themselves with activities outside of the home at the expense of their little children.

I have never known a mother to regret in the closing years of her life a sacrifice made for her children or to begrudge the cost of guiding them to fine Christian citizenship.

On the other hand, we find almost universal remorse for neglect of family

in the growing years or for over-indulging children, which is symptomatic of the most serious type of neglect.

Mothers, do not abandon your responsibilities! Be reverently grateful for your little children.

I speak a word to mothers who have little children who are handicapped, children whose little bodies were born incompletely formed or whose little minds are limited. No one knows the depth of agony that you have suffered. By way of consolation, quote from the Doctrine and Covenants:

"Ye cannot behold with your natural eyes, for the present time, the design of your God concerning those things which shall come hereafter, and the glory which shall follow after much tribulation.

"For after much tribulation come the blessings. Wherefore the day cometh that ye shall be crowned with much glory; the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand." (D&C 58:3-4.)

Trials Have A Place

Trials such as these bring a reverence for life, a new depth of compassion and motherhood.

There are lovely mothers, also, who have fostered children born by other women. To such the privilege of motherhood is twofold more precious. And there are many mothers whose love extends beyond their own family. In elementary school I learned a great lesson in this regard. There were in that school several youngsters from a family which was not blessed with an attentive mother at home.

During the school year they were afflicted with impetigo, a common disease of the skin which is now very easily cured. Because they were not bathed and because their clothing was

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not clean, it quickly spread across their bodies.

The principal of the school asked that my mother, who was the room mother for our class, visit the home in the hope that she could encourage the type of care that these children so badly needed. "The woman's touch," he said, "may be most helpful here."

More Demands On Mothers

Although she responded to the request, she failed in her mission, for she found circumstances in that home were pitiable. Well I remember the invitation to bring these little youngsters home from school with us. And, I remember that they were bathed; medication was applied to their little bodies; they were dressed in our clothing; and in the early evening sent to their own home, the next day to return for the same treatment. Night after night after night I remember my mother scrubbing endlessly with a bottle of disinfectant and then boiling clothing against the possibility that her own family might

become infected. But her mother's heart would not turn them away, for these were little children, and they were suffering.

The demands made upon mothers, the weariness, the worry, the endless vigil, all take their toll. But there comes to you a special beauty transcending even that of the blushing bride. Such beauty is alluded to in these lines by an unknown poet entitled simply "Beauty."

"Beauty"

"Two pines were born on a hillside grove.
One protected, grew straight and tall.
It bore no time or weather marks.
Its figure was slim and virginal.

"The second showed clearly that time
had passed,

For it stood where the winds stormed by.
Its arms knew the tortuous weight of
snow.

Its face knew the sting of the sleet-filled
sky.

"The first tree, so youthfully beautiful
Was a picture the world could all see.
But the artist who climbed to the hill-
side grove

Always painted the other tree."

Mother, teach your children in the home the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustain your husband in his presidency of the home. Draw from the Priesthood Home Teaching program, from the Relief Society, and the other auxiliary agencies of the Church the assistance to bless your family.

Teach your daughters the essentials of homemaking. Teach them to be virtuous, train your sons for service in the mission field. Teach them to be worthy. Teach them to know that the President of the Church is a prophet of God.

Spiritual Discipline

by Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg



★ William Hutchinson says: "Among parents I see a great many looking back with nostalgia to their youth and trying to relive the 'glorious teens' vicariously through their children.

"The family used to be bound together by economic glue. Historically,

the family worked together as a team on the hunt or in the field. It was an essential to existence itself that there be discipline and leadership within the family."

Thomas J. Cahill, chief of the San Francisco Police Department, 'makes

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the following observation: " . . . I say to you that the home is a place where the child must be taught from the cradle. Love, understanding, and kindness is something that is built into his heart or her heart as they grow, and it must be done by both the father and mother carrying out their responsibilities; because when God gives them children or gives us children, He also places upon our shoulders corresponding responsibilities and obligations to see to it that those children are brought up in the proper way. . . ."

Influence of Priesthood

I must add that the only proper way is God's way. Spiritual discipline is the most effective means of character development. The influence of the priesthood in the home has the greatest influence for guiding and persuading young people along the path of righteousness. One of the fundamental teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is that every member should acquire learning by study, by faith, by prayer and by seeking learning wherever it is found. We believe that, "The glory of God is intelligence, . . ." (D&C 93:36.) "And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come." (Ibid., 130:19.)

This would suggest that spiritual guidance in the home gives the youth not only an advantage in this life but also in the eternity. In addition to the influence in the home, the bishop gives them guidance in the government of the kingdom and in the priesthood of God. In this respect, he is in metaphor, a potter and sculptor of the youth.



The Good Shepherd

The ward bishop cultivates the pure love of Christ in the souls of the youth. His labours inspire hope, and his kindness builds faith. This is today's spiritual challenge to establish faith, hope, and the pure love of Christ, which is charity, (see Moroni 7:47) into the hearts of the young people. Paul declares that these three abideth (see 1 Cor. 13:13) though the image and fashion of the world pass away. It is the precious youth of the Church who must accept this challenge. It is the bishop, as overseer in the household of God, who holds the torch of leadership. The bishop is indeed a true and good shepherd.

No young man can receive the priesthood and participate therein without becoming a better person. The priesthood is character building. It teaches one to have proper concepts and values. As one magnifies his duties in the priesthood, he experiences the challenge and growth that emanate from eternal

principles. This challenge prompted the inspired words of the Prophet Joseph Smith, "That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness." (D&C 121:36.)

Priesthood Fosters Advantages

In the business affairs of life, it is the application of advantages that contributes to success. If one has the advantage of added training in a certain

field or the advantage of more economical production of a product, he usually becomes more successful in his business effort. So it is with the youth. The priesthood of God gives them an advantage for success and happiness and eternal life.

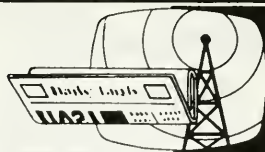
Here we have reason for Peter's declaration: "... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1 Pet. 2:9.)



Geoffrey Willmott, London Stake M Men leader and partner, participate in dance instruction.

M Men and Gleaners utilizer Saturday afternoon to learn new dance steps at Gleaner Council in Luton.





London Stake Relief Societies Combine For Dinner Programme

★ Early in the year the London Stake Relief Societies decided to have a combined birthday dinner for their ten units and so plans were made. The Cultural Hall of the Hyde Park Chapel on March 9th was decorated and set for the visitors to arrive.

Relief Society Stake Pres. Grace McKeown and her counselors Cissie Simmonds and Margaret Saile waited, ready to receive the sisters. Gorgeous smells were coming from the kitchen while Bro. Julius Fussick, the head chef and his staff of priesthood holders prepared and served the meal. The tables were artistically decorated by Margaret Hampstead with blue and yellow flowers

—the colours of the Relief Society. Printed menus with the crest "Charity Never Faileth" were ready for use and a feeling of happy expectancy was in the air.

One hundred and seventy five sisters made it a really happy sight. After the welcome by Sister McKeown and a lovely prayer by Sister Gladys Noyce, Luton Ward, the dinner began with a generous helping of fresh melon followed by an English roast beef dinner.

Then all the lights were dimmed and the candles on the individual pieces of birthday cake were lighted as Irene Hester sang a beautiful song in her sweet soprano voice and we all joined in singing "Happy Birthday."



Lighting candles on cakes served at London Stake Relief Society annual banquet.



Sister Grace McKeown, London Stake Relief Society president, chats with co-workers at banquet.

LONDON STAKE

Gleemm Council Sponsors Day For 2 Stakes, 1 Mission

★ About 50 M Men and Gleaners from the London Stake, Leicester Stake and Central British Mission enjoyed a full day of activity on March 16th at Luton. The day started with minor games and potted sports at the new Luton Youth Centre, then everyone returned to the Luton Chapel for an afternoon of folk-dancing and impromptu drama. Supper was provided by the Ward Relief Society and M.I.A.

The first part of the evening was devoted to an Eternal Values' programme, emphasising the importance of Temple marriage. As each person entered the chapel, they signed a book which will be kept as a record of those present, they were then greeted by a receiving line consisting of President Joseph Hamstead of the London Stake,

President Le Roy Buckmiller of the London Temple, Bishop and Sister Monitor C. Noyce of Luton Ward, Pauline Doggett, Y.W.M.I.A. president of the London Stake and Peter Boulter, the Stake Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent.

An M Man and a Gleaner spoke about their awards, and the film "Man's Search for Happiness" was shown. Guest Speaker, President Buckmiller spoke on the choices that youth have to make if they wish to enjoy a happy life. The day concluded with a barn dance under the direction of Bishop and Sister Leavitt of North London Ward. The whole event was organised by the LONDON STAKE M MEN-Gleaner (GLEMM) Council, under its President, James Miller, and the Stake M Men Leader, Geoffrey Willmott.



A full afternoon of dance was enjoyed at London Stake M Men Gleaner day at Luton Ward chapel.

Stake News

★The Epsom Ward of the London Stake broke ground on their welfare project on Monday 11th March. They believe that this may be the first of its kind in England so the stake president and others are watching with interest. The members have a 5.30 a.m. work session every Wednesday, and others visit the project on assignment through quorums and groups.

It has been said that England is a Welfare State and therefore Welfare projects are unnecessary. However, the Epsom bishopric felt very strongly that if governments should fail, the welfare state will be helpless and therefore British people need to know how to grow their own supplies just as do their

American brethren.

Ground is readily available as most of Britains city and town councils have areas of ground sectioned into allotments which are available to local people at a very nominal rent. At present Epsom is renting a piece of ground 100' x 30' for 12/- per year and will add to this very modest start as the project develops.

Although this is just a tiny project compared to many American welfare Farms it is hoped that it will achieve two main purposes. Firstly it will provide actual vegetables for needy families and secondly ward members will be trained and encouraged to grow their own supplies.



Bishop Rodney A. Fullwood, Epsom Ward, turns sod as ward begins its first welfare project. From left, Leonard Barber, Elders Quorum president; Brenda Fullwood, Peter D. Manners, first counselor in the bishopric; David Brain, Bishop Fullwood, Patricia Wainwright and Peter Unwin.

Mothers Honoured In South London Sacrament Meeting

★ On Mothers' Day a Sacrament Meeting was held in South London Ward to honour the mothers and the potential future mothers.

All the mothers present were given a carnation, and all the M.I.A. girls and leaders who had earned Individual Awards were presented with their award certificates and a posy. They also shook hands with members of a presentation panel consisting of the Stake High Council Advisor to Y.W.M.I.A. The Bishopric, the Ward Relief Society president and the Stake Y.W.M.I.A. presidency.

Musical items included a solo by Pauline Dogett, "Such Lovely Things" sung by the Ward Y.W.M.I.A. Choir conducted by Berdene Farren, and "Love at Home" by the Singing Mothers conducted by Vera Godwin.

Y.W.M.I.A. President Gillian Tanner, spoke on the preparation the Girls' programme gives the young women to become good mothers. A Priest, Christopher Saunders, spoke on the importance of mothers such as Emma Smith, mother of the Prophet.

Five year old Lesley Wiltshire told about "My Mother" and Bishop Walter Stevenson concluded the evening by speaking on the importance of mothers, in particular he spoke to the young women, telling them that they were destined to become the mothers of those who would serve the Lord as leaders in these the last days.

The whole evening was enjoyable and inspiring to all members and friends who were present.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ At the March Stake Conference it was announced that due to the great increase in numbers, there would now be three Quorums of Elders instead of two.

The First Quorum, consisting of priesthood from Leicester, Coventry, Nuneaton, Loughborough and Western Park, is presided over by Leslie Green of Leicester Ward.

The Second Quorum, from the Birmingham area of the Stake, has Edward E. Wood, of Walsall as their president, and includes Woodsetton and Walsall as well as the three Birmingham wards and branches.

The Northerly section, consisting of Nottingham, Derby, Eastwood, Hucknall and Mansfield combine to make the Third Quorum with Edgar Raymond Needham as president.

★ An M.I.A. Leadership Training Weekend was held at Derby at the end of February organised by Geoffrey Harris and Olive Attenburrow, Stake M.I.A. Leaders. The course commenced with dancing instruction on the Friday evening, and a great deal of fun was had as they took turns to instruct and everything that was said was taken literally. This was to help them to be clear and precise when telling their own M.I.A.'s what to do.

The programme on Saturday included sports and keepfit in the morning, and drama and speech in the afternoon. Special Sunday School instruction was given by Brother Sherlock on the Sunday morning, and during the afternoon President James Rankin spoke to the young men on Moral Standards and Responsibilities, while Muriel Cuthbert addressed the Young women on Chastity, Marriage and Motherhood.

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During the weekend the Derby saints provided accommodation. Other instructors for the course were Ernest Hooker, drama; Bro. and Sister Diaper, music; Tom Hezseltine, sports; Sister Brown, speech, and Richard Cooper sports.

★ A social evening was held at Nuneaton chapel to show appreciation to Thomas A. V. Ford, his wife and family for the work they have done in the branch for the past 2½ years. They were presented with a stainless steel meat dish by the members.

★ Nottingham M.I.A. held a dance on March 16th just for fun. Music was provided by the "Mick Murry Four," and the Mission-aïres travelled over a sing some of their favourite songs. Rick Burton organised the entertainment and some very appetizing refreshments

were prepared and served by Helen Bourne and Carol Gascoyne.

★ About 50 M Men and Gleaners from all parts of the stake gathered together at the Nottingham Chapel for a special evening on March 12th. Derek and Muriel Cuthbert and Geoffrey Harris, all of whom hold the awards, were guest speakers and they gave encouragement to the group and told of their own experiences while fulfilling the requirements. The evening was organised by Ann Corbin the Stake Gleaner leader.

★ The following members of the Leicester Stake were ordained Elders in March.

David Mitchell of Nottingham Ward.
Horace Taylor, Nuneaton Branch.
William Dutton, Nuneaton Branch.
Douglas T. Willis, Walsall Branch.
Kenneth Robson, Birmingham Ward.



North Shields Relief Society sisters happy with their last sale are, from left, Linda Darrell, Elizabeth Todd, first counselor; Alma Blanchard, Pres. Sylvia Smile of the stake board; Stella Hewison, Jean Hodgins, Grace Purvis, Lillian Barry, Joan Pearce, secretary.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ When the young girls of Primary in Hartlepool Ward held a Daddy and Daughter party in February, it was wonderful to hear them speak of their individual daddies. After the entertainment they enjoyed refreshments prepared by their teacher, Judith Noble.

The stage looked like a summer garden when the M.I.A. held their Valentine Dance. The theme for the evening was "Hearts and Flowers" and May Gardner who was in charge of the decorations saw to it that hearts and flowers were everywhere. A special Valentine cake was made and decorated by Fay Rayment, and greatly enjoyed by the 38 young members and friends who attended.

★ Sisters of the North Shields Branch Relief Society have raised over £100 for the Building Fund in the last six months by Sales of Work.

★ The Priesthood Groups of the Newcastle Ward and Newburn Branch combined for a Grand Social Evening, and the entertainment was presented by the Elders' Group, the dancing organised by the High Priests and the catering done by the Aaronic Priesthood. Bill Maudlin's rendering of "I've Never Seen a Straight Banana" was the high spot of the singing, while Laurie Standing was in great form on the dance floor.

Once again the Relief Society held a Jumble Sale and this time raised £17 for, the Ward Budget. The sisters were busy again on 12th March to celebrate the Relief Society Birthday Anniversary. The party that night was attended by the Stake R. S. President, Afton Hardy, and also the sisters from the Newburn Branch. Vera Gray outlined the history of Relief Society and this was followed by entertainment and a meal.

The Elders' Group including mission-

aries, met at the Playhouse Theatre Restaurant, Newcastle upon Tyne, for a delightful dinner and then visited the theatre to see the play, "Loot."

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ The Ashton/Oldham ward have started a sports night under the direction of Brother P. Unsworth. They play other churches and their first match was with St. Peters of Ashton. It was greatly enjoyed by both sides, so much so in fact, that St. Peters have asked for an early replay.

★ Bishop Ernest Preston and Ward Clerk, Tom Leah, were very concerned when there was hardly anyone in the Cultural Hall for their joint effort of providing a programme of non-stop dancing one Saturday night. It was bitterly cold as they stood in the foyer wondering where everyone was.

It could not be that they had set the price of admission too high at 2/- per family, especially as Bishop Preston had told everyone in the announcements of the dance that anyone not able to afford the money was to come as part of his family!

Then people started to arrive and hurried into the warmth of the Cultural Hall, where indirect lighting was provided by shining coloured spotlights on to the ceiling, making a cosy atmosphere. By 9 p.m. when 60 couples were counted doing the Barn Dance, the heating had been switched off and the windows opened to let in the frosty air to cool everybody down.

All present joined in the hectic programme of dances which included Scottish Reels, Congas, Hokey Cokey's, pop tunes, etc., and by 10.30 p.m. the dance was acknowledged to have been an outstanding success with all members and their friends asking when the next one was to be held.



The old Worcester chapel at Bath Road.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ The hour of 11 o'clock on March 2nd saw the start of the 1968 Mission Pitch events final. Teams from Rhyl to Worcester and Lincoln to Rugby gathered at the Northampton Chapel cultural hall to take part in table tennis, netball, basketball and both senior and junior 5-a-side-football and volleyball.

Malcolm and Heather Coombs of the Mission Board, were in charge, ably assisted by sports leaders from all the participating districts.

Northampton were the victors of the senior volleyball and 5-a-side football, Peterborough the junior volleyball and Worcester the junior 5-a-side football. Lincoln beat Kidderminster in the netball final only then to be beaten by Kidderminster in the basketball.

The table-tennis finalists were scattered from all ends of the mission.

Tony Evans and Jennifer Jones from Wrexham won the mixed doubles, Geoffrey Burton and Bob Edden the men's doubles, they were from Hereford, and from Lincoln, Shirley Rose and Heather Coombs won the ladies. In the senior singles, Ian Thorpe from Rugby took the men's title and Heather Coombs the ladies. In the junior section, Vaughan Byrne from Worcester, won the boys, and Penny Church from Northampton the girls.

Over 100 participants and spectators made it a very full and exciting day, as many of the matches were very close. It was good to be in a gathering of young people where the sportsmanship was good and the language and play clean.

President Harry Jones, representing the mission presidency, presented the certificates to the successful players.



Pres. Smart addressing the congregation at the opening service of the new Worcester Chapel.

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★ On retiring from work at the age of sixty-five, Anthony Stone of the Hereford Branch, received a letter of commendation from the Regional Blood Bank Services, expressing their appreciation for the 31 donations of blood he has made. We would like to add our congratulations too, on this fine service to the community.

★ The Hereford Relief Society held a very successful Pancake Party on the evening of Shrove Tuesday. After having supplied everyone present with deliciously tasting pancakes, the sisters entertained their guests with individual items. Outstanding were Sister Eacock with her singing and Hilda Jones who gave a most enjoyable recitation.

On March 17th they celebrated the anniversary by inviting the branch and their friends to attend their presentation of the playlet "The Gift." The food for this event was provided by the Priesthood, who also relieved the sisters from their normal culinary duties. The rest of the evening's entertainment, consisted of a Knock-out Quiz, won by Audrey Prosser. As her prize she was awarded a cake on Mother's Day. President Dawe brought the evening to a close by presenting a film show which highlighted branch events through the years.

★ March 3rd 1968 saw the end of an era in the history of the Worcester Branch. On this day the last services were held in the chapel at 137, Bath Road, which had been the 'home' of the saints for the last 12 years.

During the Fast and Testimony meeting many members referred to the happy memories they would always cherish of the services and social functions held there. Its purchase in 1956 was a wonderful event after meeting for years in hired halls.

Now, this building which had been the centre of many activities not only for the Branch, but for the Midlands West District, was no longer big enough, and a fine new church erected chapel awaited the saints at Canada Way, Lower Wick.

After ten months of hard diligent work by the members of the Branch under the fine leadership of Desmond Gorman, the building supervisor, the new chapel was completed on March 8th and opened to the public on March 9th. Many visitors enjoyed the conducted tours of the premises, where they saw and had explained to them, displays depicting the functions of the various auxiliaries of the Church. They enjoyed the splendid woodwork in the building and were entertained by the Mission-aieres, who presented the film "Man's Search for Happiness."

In the evening the Midlands West District M.I.A. made full use of the stage and Cultural Hall, where 175 were entertained with an Inter-Branch Talent Show. Remarks were made jokingly that Bro. Gorman, had not built the chapel large enough, and that the rear wall should be knocked down and the extension commenced right away. The entertainment took place on the new type of stage, which folds back into the wall when not in use.

Each of the five branches in the District contributed to the evenings programme, and the show was opened by Hereford Branch with a "Roaring Twenties" spot which included the notorious "Bonny and Clyde." Worcester branch followed with a number of amusing acts, like Bert and his Old Dad. Ken Gorman compared the branch show very well with his jokes and songs. The programme continued after a refreshment break with a talking Rabbit from Kidderminster, songs and jokes from

Stourbridge and another version of Bonny and Clyde from the Redditch Branch who also presented T. McGahan as the three legged man.

The saints then went home to rest and be ready to return the following morning for the Opening Services of the Chapel. Elder James A. Cullimore presided, he was accompanied by Sister Cullimore. President George I. Cannon and his counsellors, and the Deputy Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Fred Lewis, representing the City Council, and his wife were also in attendance. Branch President Victor F. Smart conducted the meeting, and 247 saints and friends were present. Musical items were rendered by the Singing Mothers, and Rosemary Thompson.

Monday 12th March saw the Chapel once more the centre of activity, when the font was used for the first time. Four souls from Worcester, Hereford and Redditch Branches were baptised.

These three joyful days will long be remembered by the members of the Branch. Most joys, however, are often tinged with a little sadness, and for

Worcester this sadness will be in saying farewell to Brother Gorman and his family. During their stay in Worcester they have been loved by all who knew them. At the first Sacrament Meeting held in the Chapel they were presented with a barometer and a silver locket and chain for Sister Gorman, as tokens of love and heartfelt thanks for the work they had done.

★ March 9th saw the gathering of all the District Presidents and their wives, and leaders from the Mission and the Leicester Stake at "Cotswold," the Mission Home of the Central British Mission. This is the only Mission Home in the British Isles that has been specifically built for such a purpose.

The home takes it's name from the beautiful Cotswold stone used throughout the building. More than 100 people gathered in the lounge of this historic occasion as Elder James A. Cullimore dedicated the home. When the Mission was formed in 1961 President and Sister Cullimore were the first Mission parents and in her talk Sister Grace Culli-



Bernard Haw receives his Master M Man certificate from Peter Williams, mission supervisor as Branch Pres. Smart looks on.

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more reminisced about their early days and their triumphs over the many problems they experienced. They were the ones who found the site for the present Mission Home and started construction, but they never had the opportunity to live in it, as it was not completed during their mission.

Elder Cullimore spoke of the great growth in the Church before he dedicated the building. Other speakers included Elder Hardman, a missionary, and President and Sister George I. Cannon. The Mission-airees sang "Bless this House."

★ At the Midlands West District Conference held in the new Worcester chapel on the afternoon of March 10th District President F. John Passey was released after serving in this position for 16 years.

The last duty he performed as President, was to present a beautiful leather bound quadruple combination to the branch on behalf of Joy and Eileen Dunyon, the former Mission President and his wife, it was received by Ronald A. Corbin, 1st counsellor in the Branch Presidency.

Harry W. Jones, 2nd counsellor to President Cannon was then sustained as the new District President.

During the meeting Bernard Haw of Worcester, was presented with his Master M Man Award certificate and pin by Peter Williams Mission Y.M. M.I.A. Supertintendent.

★ The Stourbridge Branch M.I.A. enjoyed an exhilarating evening playing basketball at one of the local schools. Sister Hopkinson took charge, and when they had finished their "10 minute drill" the game commenced in earnest. Although few in number, they were great in spirit and the hall rang with laughter

and song. The evening finally drew to a close and with aching limbs but cheerful hearts they made their way home.

★ The Northampton Relief Society held their Annual Birthday party on Tuesday March 19th in the Cultural Hall. It was a gay, joyous event, attended by more than 60 members and friends, including the priesthood. In addition to dances and unusual games, the evening was highlighted by supper at individual tables. The cake, made by Sister Wilson and decorated by Brother Wilson was duly cut by Olive Turvey, who with the R.S. presidency organised the party.

Members of the priesthood helped to serve the supper.

DUNDEE BRANCH

★ A Burns supper was held in the Dundee Branch Cultural Hall recently with the haggis carried in by Sister Mary Cavin, Relief Society president, accompanied on the pipes by James Wilhie, a partner in the landscaping business responsible for the chapel grounds layout.

Sister Lot Ross of the Dundee East Branch, addressed the noble chieftain of the pudding race in her usual faultless style.

After a sumptuous meal prepared by the branch Relief Society a programme of Burns' songs and poems was presented. The Crooked Bobee duet by Bro. Dennis Clancy and Sister Mary Roy aroused enthusiastic applause.

Main event of the evening, an original stage setting in period costume, in which each participant sang or recited a work by Burns, arranged and directed by Sister Clancy, held everyone enthralled.

The bold Robert himself (Dennis Clancy Jr.) put in an appearance and brought the house down with the rendering of The Star of Robbie Burns.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The birth of a new daughter made Christine Scott Mathieson a central link in one of the oldest "Mormon" families in Britain. Having always been a member of the Church, she has had the opportunity to serve in nearly every auxiliary position and to fill a full time mission in Scotland. Currently working an 2nd counsellor of the Sunday School

in Greenock Branch, she intends to raise four month old daughter, Fiona, under the same legacy of service left her by parents and grandparents.

Christine's paternal grandmother, Ethel Cordelia Scott Hosie, now 84, remembers well her baptism into the Church on the 6th of June, 1903, in Middlesboro, Yorkshire, England. Some of



From left, Sister Margaret Graham, Sister Graham Scott, Christine Scott Mathieson.



From left, Ethel C. Scott, Hosie, Bishop William Scott, Christine Scott Mathieson.

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her brightest memories recall the year 1893, when she saw her first bicycle and the year after when she saw Buffalo Bill's Wild West show with Annie Oakley. Sister Hosie moved to Glasgow in 1916. While serving as Relief Society president of the Glasgow Branch during those war years, she remembers sending parcels of clothes to members of the Church in Aberdeen, Dundee, & Airdrie.

Sister Margaret Graham, Christine's maternal grandmother, now only 66 is also proud of her service in the Relief Society. Originally from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, she later became Relief Society president of the Airdrie Branch in Scotland after joining the Church in 1945. Sister Graham recalls an especially successful winter when she and three other members of the Relief Society raised £60 from their sale of work articles.

Sister Graham Scott, Christine's mother, likewise served as Relief Society president of the Glasgow Ward in 1960. Having joined the Church in 1942, she has had the opportunity of serving

in nearly every auxiliary position, holding as many as nine offices at once.

Sister Graham Scott had many added responsibilities when her husband, William Scott, became a bishop. Brother Scott had the honour of being the first president of the first elders quorum in Scotland. Over the years he has held many branch and stake leadership positions even to serving as acting Relief Society president for three weeks. He is now serving as Bishop and senior High Councilman in the Glasgow Stake.

The Scott-Graham family can certainly be proud of its long record of leadership and service in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Carlos O. Wood who was called to the British Mission in April of 1966, is being released preparatory to returning to Utah. He has served as branch president of the Harlow, Ilford, and Hastings branches. Called as a counsellor to President Preston Robinson, former British mission president, and has served as counsellor to President Reed E. Callister since January 1967.

His wife, sister Lorraine Wood has served in Primary, Sunday School, M.I.A. and Relief Society as counsellor and teacher. Sister Wood served for seven months as British Mission Relief Society president, and presently serves as advisor to the Relief Society.

Brother and sister Wood are from Bountiful, Utah.

They are the parents of two children and have four grandchildren.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Congratulations are again due to Gregory Harris of Helston, Cornwall, who knocked out his opponent in the 2nd round of a Boxing contest at Mylor, Nr. Falmouth, even though he was older and had longer experience in the ring.



Bro. and Sis. Carlos O. Wood who have completed missions.

Cardiff Chapel Dedicated by Elder Cullimore

★ The beautiful new Cardiff Branch Chapel at Cardiff, Wales, was dedicated March 3, 1968 by Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve.

John H. Cox, president of the Wales East District of the Southwest British Mission, conducted the services.

Speakers in addition to Elder Cullimore included William H. Harless Sr., president of the branch; Pres. Cox, Alan O. Hughes (former president of the branch; Ralph Pulman, zone counselor in the mission presidency; Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw of the mission; and Sister Cullimore.

Music was furnished by the Wales-East District choir, directed by Dorothy Entwistle with Sister Thora A. Harless, accompanist. Vocal solos were presented by Olive Williams and Dorothy Entwistle. Joan Corcoran directed the congregational singing.

Invocation was offered by Cyril M. Coombs, counselor in the branch presidency and benediction, John Headington, Wales-East District.

Other branch officers include Sidney Kitt and Thomas K. Price, counselors; John A. Wright and Kenneth E. Lippett, clerks.

Reports indicate that the Cardiff Branch was first organized in about 1923 with the Paxman and Day families, later joined by the S. Hal Perry family. Albert Perry, the father, became branch president three months after baptism because of the emigration of the other two families.

In 1949 the branch was reorganized after an elderly American Missionary,

Charles Welling; and a small group struggled through some of the war years. Before completing his mission (he served as branch president for a period) the branch was again meeting in the home of a member. During much of the time of the branch's early history persecution and physical violence was encountered.

Among a team of 15 missionaries assigned to Cardiff was Valton Jackson who became its president and the membership increased to 70. Elder Jackson was followed by Elder Forsyth and his team increased the membership to 120 by the year 1952, this under Mission Pres. A. Hamer Reiser. (A son of Pres. Reiser is presently serving a mission in the British South Mission) In 1953 Elder William Steele became president and pursuant to Pres. Reiser's instructions a three story house was purchased and made into a branch chapel. Then in 1954 for the first time the presidency passed into the hands of local leadership when Albert Perry moved away to Bristol and Rupert A. Corcoran was named president. Bro. A. Ainsworth and Bro. H. Roberts, were his counselors.

Pres. Corcoran was released in 1955 to become district mission president. From that year until 1960 a series of missionaries served as branch presidents. Late in 1960 Bro. H. Poyner was sustained as president and in 1961 Bro. Corcoran became president with James Smith as first and Arthur Smith, as second counselors.

The chapel site was purchased in 1961 and in 1963 Pres. Corcoran released



Cardiff Branch Chapel in Wales dedicated by Elder James A. Cullimore.

and Bro. Alan O. Hughes, a professional surveyor, named president, in preparation for the construction programme soon to follow. Ground breaking was held 10th October 1964.

Supervising Architect was Donald O. Hendon, A.R.I.B.A. who notes that the original site of six acres was reduced to one and a half acres (4½ acres sold for a building house development project). The building was completed in 1966. The building contains 11,500 sq. ft. with an interesting roof over the Cultural Hall supported by precast concrete beams and the monopitch roof over the classroom wing follows the contours of the land. The Profilit glazing in the Chapel is an unusual feature. The chapel seats 230 and total seating in view of the pulpit is 600. The building cost approximately £100,000.

Pres. Hughes was released in January 1967 and Pres. Harless appointed.

As of Dec 31, 1967 the branch had a membership of 453 persons.

CORNWALL

★ The Cornwall District Relief Society held a successful birthday celebration dinner at which time 34 members were served roast beef, vegetables and had a choice of four sweets, reports Sister Laura Jennings, district Relief Society president.

The usual hall in Falmouth had to be booked and paid for by the District Relief Society. Women and children attending each paid for their own serving.

The stove on which the cooking had to be done, was small and nearly worn out. All dishes and saucepans for serving, had to be taken to the hall for the dinner. The sweets were the only things made at home by four of the sisters.

Cornish daffodils and Cornish Mimosa adorned the tables and the hall.

Members also brought their own plates and cutlery.

Everyone present expressed how lovely the meal was and the evening was completed with a film of Germany and Austria.

"We had achieved what seemed the impossible" said Sister Jennings.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ At a baptismal service held at West Hull earlier this year, 6 people were baptised, namely Joyce, John, Heather, Margaret and Michael Anderson and Colin Wright. Heather Anderson was baptised by her Uncle Terence Wileman and this brings the total of family members in the Church at West Hull to 24. Quite a record for this country we would think!

At the Branch's Kitchen Carnival organised by the M.I.A. 45 people enjoyed foods from Spain, Germany and Hawaii. A German folk song was sung by Denise Morris and afterwards a German game was played. The evening was brought to a close with everyone singing "Bali Hi."

★ The Hull District M.I.A. held a Sweet-heart Ball at the Beverley Chapel and the Dave Edalan Trio provided the music for dancing. John Fenwick was M.C. to over 100 people. The Cultural Hall was gaily decorated with streamers, hearts and flowers accentuated by spot lights. This was done by the Beverley M.I.A. who also prepared the delicious refreshments.

The winner's of the District Speech Festival are as follows:
Beehive—Carol Wilkinson—York.
M.I.A. Maid—Linda Coleman—York.

Statistics

Laurel—Judith Spurr—W. Hull.
Gleaner—Avril Dalby—Scarborough.
Explorers—David Rodricke—E. Hull.
Ensign—Geoffrey Thomas—W. Hull.
M. MAN—Ian Taylor—E. Hull.

Young Marrieds—Mutual Study, panel discussion was won by W. Hull. More than 60 people were present at the Festival.

★ Wigan Chapel was dedicated on March 7th by Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. The ceremony was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wigan and the Chief Constable Mr. Aitken. The Manchester Mormon Choir sang two splendid items and Patricia Goulding sang by special request.

BIRTHS

★ William and Sandra Fee of West Hull Branch, North British Mission, a daughter Deborah Jane.

★ 12th Feb.—To Victor and Sadie Thomson of Springburn Ward, Glasgow Stake, a son Craig Victor.

★ 21st Feb.—To Jim and Anne Thomson of Springburn Ward, Glasgow Stake, a daughter Sharon Anne.

★ 23rd Feb.—To Joy Walker of Northampton Branch, Central British Mission a son, Daniel.

★ 28th Feb.—To Bro. and Sis. Bayne of the Newton Abbot Branch, a daughter, Teresa Ann.

★ 1st March—To Lynn and Pat Hammond, Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Andrea Jean.

★ 3rd March—To Kenneth and Audrey Learmonth, Glasgow Stake, a son, Steven John.

★ 4th March—To Pres. and Sister Mainwaring, Newton Abbot Branch, a daughter, Rebecca Dawn.

★ 18th March—To Peter and Shirley Turner of Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter Sarah.

ENGAGEMENT

★ Gladys Hughes of Windes Runcorn Branch, North British Mission to Eric Lea of Chester. They plan to marry in September.

MARRIAGES

★ Two members of the Glasgow Ward, Catherine E. Ross and David B. Malcolm, were married in the Drumchapel Ward Chapel on January 27th. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop Davey of Glasgow.



Catherine Ross and David Malcolm.



Ann Andrews and Ian Helps.

★ On Saturday 3rd February, 'Ann Andrews married Ian Helps at the Hartlepool Ward Chapel, Bishop James Laurie officiated. Bridesmaids were Angela Harvey and Susan Weldon. The couple are both members of the ward and hold positions in the Church.

★ A second February wedding took place at Hartlepool Ward on the 24th, when Mary Rose McKie married John Prosser Davison. The bride was attended by Rosalind Ward as chief bridesmaid, Jill and Linda Talbot and Susan Weldon. Anthony Davison was best man, and John Gibson acted as groomsman. The bridesmaids wore dresses of apple green, and the bride wore a full length white satin gown with long sleeves and a train. The couple met at church about two years ago.



Mary Rose McKie and John Prosser Davison.

★ Both bride and groom wore white, when Ann Patricia Woodward of Nottingham Ward and Paul Ross Weir from Toronto, Canada, were married at the Nottingham Chapel on March 2nd. Bishop Albert Green performed the ceremony. Ann served on a Building Mission as a secretary in the Church Building Offices some years ago, and then spent two years in Canada and the U.S.A..

★ Pauline Hatton and Roy Carey were married in the Middlesbrough Chapel on March 16th. Bishop Harold Marshall officiated. Florence Hatton, the brides sister and Alma Hatton, her niece were bridesmaids.

Statistics



Ann Woodward and Paul Ross Weir.

OBITUARIES

★ We regret to report the sudden death of Dennis Richardson, aged 24 years, of the Middlesbrough Ward, Sunderland Stake, on February 19th.

★ Albert E. Roberts of the Newcastle Ward, passed away quietly in his sleep on Friday 23rd February, aged 69 years. He will be well remembered for his forthright discourses during the years he spent in the Ward, and the way he diligently performed his priesthood duties as an Elder, and in his calling as Sunday School superintendent until last year. He had been seriously ill for some months.

A beautiful funeral service was held at the Newcastle Chapel under the direction of Bishop Curryer. The Elders Group Leader, Gordon Matthews paid tribute to Brother Roberts in a talk, and the Ward Choir sang the "Crimond." Many friends and relatives also attended the cemetery where the grave was dedicated by Bishop Curryer.

★ Word has reached the Millennial Star of the death of Robert L. Dunn a former president of the Kidderminster



Robert L. Dunn

NEWNESS

In the breast of a bulb
Is the promise of spring
In the little blue egg
Is the bird that will sing

In the heart of the seed
Is the hope of the sod
In the soul of a child
Is the kingdom of God.

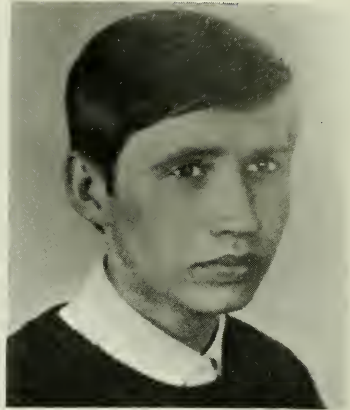
Branch, a position he held for 25 years. He died March 23rd at Provo, Utah. The past 20 years he has been a resident of Provo, Utah.

Bro. Dunn also served a number of years in the presidency of the Birmingham District.

He and Sister Dunn returned to their native England as missionaries in the years 1955-57. Many will remember Bro. Dunn's great skill as an orator, also as a writer of high quality poems, pageants and plays.

He was assigned to write the pageant for the conference at Bradford and at the time of his death a historical novel of the Costswold Country was about ready for the press.

All of his children and grandchildren are active in the Church. Many are receiving university education and one, Heber J. Dunn, is a surgeon at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.



Hubertus Wietholtz

Promised Valley Musical Set For Second Season

★ Again this summer, during July and August, Promised Valley, the great musical created by Dr. Crawford Gates will be presented at the Temple View Theatre in Salt Lake City. The drama pertaining to the movement of the Pioneers in 1847 across the plains of America, through the Rocky Mountains into the Salt Lake Valley, will be presented free, Monday through Saturday evenings.

Thousands of tourists witnessed the colourful portrayal last year in the evening shadow of the famed Salt Lake Temple in downtown Salt Lake City.

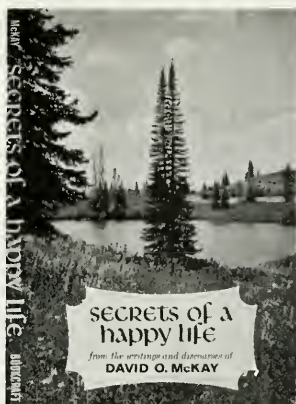
This year an additional 1,000 seats have been added. Tickets can be obtained at Temple Square on the day of the performance.

LDS German Youth Wants To Spend Summer In England

★ A German Mormon youth, Hubertus Wietholtz, 18 years of age, desires to spend the summer holidays in England. Because he is to pass his final examination at school in one year, he desires to take advantage of an opportunity to improve his English. Therefore he desires to work at a hospital as a "nursur" or at a farm in the country.

He may be reached by writing:

Hubertus Wietholtz, 2431 Testorf, Post Hansühn, West Germany.



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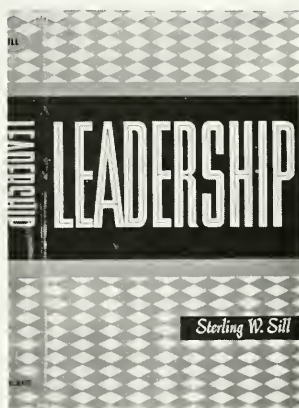
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JANE'S WITCH

By Doreen L. Lucas

An award winning short story

★ The 'witch' reclined in the chair beneath the apple tree, her thin blue hands clasped loosely together in her lap, her face in repose was etched with lines of age and suffering, but at the corners of her eyes fine lines of humour were slowly becoming visible.

"He'll come back, I know he will" she said as she looked upward through the boughs of the apple tree.

"He'll come back" she said again.

She closed her eyes and like a tired child fell asleep immediately.

Carol walked softly across the grass towards the sleeping figure, holding a finger to her lips as she did so. The child following behind hesitated and took a firmer hold on her stick, resting as she did so. Her leg was encased in plaster and she found it difficult to move quickly. Her mother stood by the old lady and said softly, "We will not disturb her yet."

She continued to look at the sleeper,

months of memories flooding back as she did so. That never-to-be-forgotten morning when Jane had come tearing into the house shouting as she came through the door.

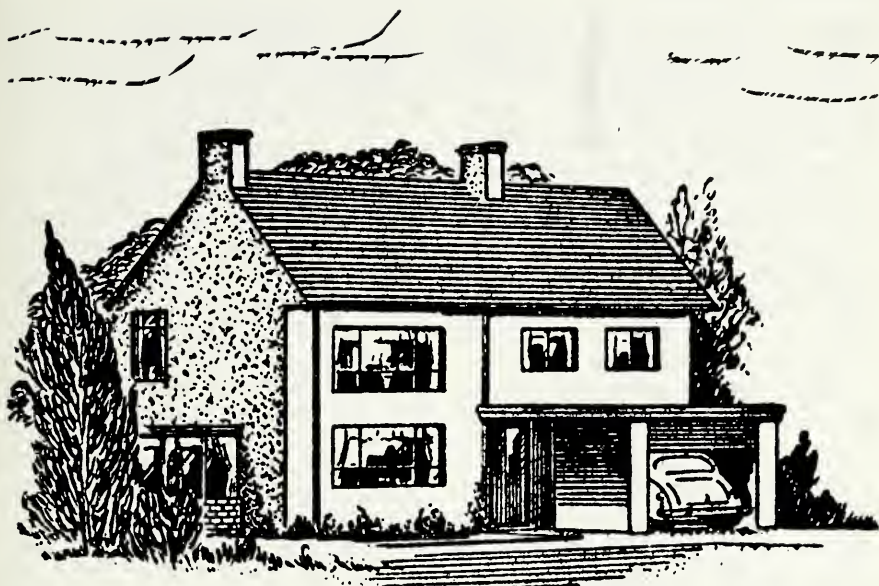
"Mummy, Mummy, there's a witch in that corner house."

Her Mother had paused in her work to look at the child. She appeared terrified and incoherent. Impatiently at first she tried to quieten her by telling her that it was nonsense.

"It's true, there is a witch in the window. Her hair is all over her face, she has claws for hands. I saw them tapping the window when we went into her garden."

"There are no such beings as witches dear" retorted Carol, "She is only a very old lady living on her own."

"No Mummy. Everyone says she is a witch so we went to see. We only saw her head and one arm scratching at the glass."



The Corner House

Carol had heard of the witch of the Corner House, but as she and her family had only just moved into the district, there had been no time to learn the true facts. This story of Jane's disturbed her. Their neighbours had mentioned that the dark house on the corner opposite was occupied by an old woman who, when her son had ran away to sea years ago, had shut herself away from everyone. No one was encouraged to call, so she had become a recluse.

"Has she no relations?" Carol had asked.

"None that we know of" was the reply. "Her husband died when the baby was six months old."

That night Carol had lain awake thinking about the lonely recluse.

The day dawned bright and warm. Carol quickly disposed of the breakfast dishes, tidying her hair she made her way out into the garden, through the gate and across the road to the house

on the corner. Opening the gate slowly she paused before making her way up the overgrown path. Although sadly neglected, the garden was beautiful.

House Neglected

She continued to pick her way carefully along the path. The whole house gave the appearance of having been badly neglected. Raising her hand to the knocker she glanced through a nearby window and gasped. Net curtains had been moved to the side and Carol could see someone lying in a crumpled heap near a table.

Quickly entering the house she crossed the room to where the still form lay. It was that of an old lady. Carol judged her to be about seventy years. Her white hair was untidy and hung about her shoulders, her arm was thrown across her face to protect it and her knees were drawn up as if she were in pain. Carol knelt beside her and gently moved the arm from the face.

It was death-like. There was a gash over one eye and a bruise on the lower part of the left cheek. She moaned as Carol felt for broken bones.

"You poor dear, you poor poor dear."

Carol felt her eyes fill with tears. How cruel can people be, to leave a lonely soul like this to fend for herself. Gently lifting the old lady in her arms, she laid her on the bed. Quickly going to the front door she called to Jane who had by this time made her way as far as the garden gate.

"Jane, run home get the first aid box, bring a small bowl and a towel please dear."

She turned and made her way back into the house, and into the front room again.

She needed no second glance to realise that the old lady was very ill. She must have tried to attract the children's attention in the garden the day before and had slipped, hitting her head on the corner of the table.

Jane's footsteps could be heard hurrying up the path but they hesitated at the door.

"Come in Jane. I need your help."

The child slowly entered the room.

"Run home again and ring up for the doctor. Ask him to come as soon as he can as there is an old lady very ill and injured from a fall. Don't waste time after making the call, come straight back here."

Jane who was none too happy inside the house, ran quickly from the room.

Carol looked at the unconscious woman and suddenly felt uncertain, afraid. If only she had help. Dropping to her knees she closed her eyes and holding the old lady's hand she prayed.

"Father, help me to administer to

this sick sister, guide my hands and let me remember the lessons I have received in my First Aid Classes at Relief Society."

Time For Prayers

Her prayer was simple, her heart so full of pity for this sister. Rising to her feet she felt suddenly calm; making her way out to the kitchen she filled a kettle with water and put it onto the stove. Filling the bowl that Jane had brought with warm water, she was just about to add a little antiseptic when from outside there came the squeal of brakes, a sickening thud and the scream of a child. Carol felt herself grow cold. For a moment she was rooted to the spot—but only for a moment. She sped down the path to the gate. Her eyes were drawn instinctively to the small huddled figure lying in the road and to the car slewed across the way. A man was standing dazed beside it. Jane lay beside her bike, its front wheel crushed and twisted. Carol heard someone scream, a far off sound it seemed to her, and then she realised that it was her own voice.

"Jane, Jane." She threw herself down beside the child. Jane neither moved nor answered. Carol was about to pick her up when a voice came to her in her dazed condition.

"Don't touch her Mrs. White."

Carol looked up to see her doctor. How had he known Jane needed him, she thought numbly? How had he managed to come so quickly? Jane had only just been knocked down. Her mind had ceased to function properly. She continued to kneel in the road. Someone gently raised her up.

"She is in good hands now Mrs. White."

Short Story

Help Arrives

Within a short while the ambulance was on the spot, willing hands were lifting Jane's unconscious form into it. Carol was making her way to it's door to go with her when something made her hesitate. — The old lady! She had forgotten her! The doctor stood beside her and took her arm but she shook her head.

"Doctor, I can do nothing up at the hospital, Jane will be in good hands. I have another patient who has no-one. Take my child up and please return as soon as possible. I need you here urgently."

The doctor realising Carol was referring to the old lady whom her little girl had phoned about, held her hand firmly for a moment and said "God bless you. I'll be back as soon as Jane is settled in."

Pulling herself together she made her way quickly back to the old lady. She lay as she had left her, still and white. Suddenly Carol wanted to scream at her, to blame her for Jane's accident.

"I came to help and my Heavenly Father has allowed that to happen. I don't understand. God is love but where is the love in this." She looked around the room—cold and friendless, then at the white face on the pillow.

Asks Forgiveness

"Dear God, what am I saying—What evil influence is here. Bowing her head, her hands clasped, she quietly prayed.

The two weeks that followed kept Carol from worrying too much over Jane although her injuries had been serious, a leg broken in two places and concussion. She knew that the child was having the best of attention in the hospital and she had been able to visit her for a few minutes daily. Simon her

young son of four years was with his Grandparents. Jane's 'witch' had been carefully transferred into Carol's spare bedroom and apart from visiting her child at the hospital she had remained within call of the old lady day and night.

The loving attention she had received those first few days were the saving of the invalid's life.

Carol's thoughts came back to the present: she leaned over the little old lady as she slept—

"May God forgive me" she whispered. She turned towards Jane who was looking askance at her Mother.

"May I tell her the news Mummy?—please—. I do so want to see her face when she knows."

"Yes dear. This shall be your privilege. Tell her quietly and carefully so as not to excite her. In the meantime I will go indoors to our visitor. He will join you when you have talked to Nana Day."

She made her way back to the house and joined a middle aged man standing by the open door.

"She is asleep but Jane will wake her in a moment."

News of The Son

The man looked at Carol.

"Bless you and your family."

They stood together looking across the lawn to where the child and the old lady were talking. They heard Jane's laughter and saw her raise her hand and beckon. The man hesitated for a moment. Carol saw that his cheeks were wet with tears. He brushed his hand across his eyes and squaring his shoulders walked across the grass to his Mother. Jane left them together and joined her Mother.

"What happened to him Mummy after he ran away to sea?

"He was in a fight abroad and lost

his memory for many years. Some kind people took him in and he has lived in France until a few weeks ago when he had a fall from a ladder and was in the hospital with concussion, just as you had. When he recovered consciousness he remembered who he was. The rest you know. He returned to England and found Nana Day here."

Prayers Answered

"Prayers are answered aren't they Mummy?"

Carol looked at her daughter and smiled.

"Yes, always. Not always as we would want them, but in the way our Father knows would be best for us. Do you remember how we prayed that Nana Day would join us in our Family evening and the surprise she gave us?"

"Yes I do" retorted Jane, and laughed happily.

But what Jane did not know was just how that wonderful evening had come about. Carol had been passing Nana Day's room just before tea and she heard Simon talking. She had meant to call him out for fear his ceaseless chatter would worry the old lady, although she was much better after weeks of nursing.

"You say thank you, first" Carol heard him say "then you ask for things and you say in Jesus name after. Why don't you come to our Family home evening Nana Day? You watch us 'cause I see you, but you 'tend you don't. Why don't you sit with us?"

The old lady made no reply for a

moment. Then she chuckled.

"You are like my little boy used to be. He was sharp too. Maybe I will sit with you to-night."

"I won't tell anyone. It's our secret Nana Day."

A Child Leads Way

At their Family evening that night, the old lady holding Simon's hand tightly, drew her chair into the family circle and waited quietly for the evening to commence. She listened intently to all that was said, smiling as the children took part. Father was just about to ask Simon to pray when Nana Day rose shakely to her feet. Simon's hand found it's way into her hand as he stood beside her, his eager little face looked up into her's. They all heard his childish voice whisper "Don't forget to say 'thank you' first." The words came slowly and hesitatingly, then the voice gathered strength. The family gathered around heard the broken 'thanks' of an old lady. As Carol listened, her heart too full for words, she heard her husband say quietly.

"And a little child shall lead them."

She looked up and smiled across the room at him.

Carol looked across the lawn to where Mother and son sat together—his arm around her shoulders, heads close as they talked. She sighed contentedly. Jane was getting stronger daily and would soon walk without her stick. Nana Day's son was back and that was due to their many prayers. Dear Nana Day—Jane's beloved witch.





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★ Though not many in numbers, the young men and women attending the first National LDS Students convention, made up for this in spirit and fellowship, at the Leicester Stake Centre, March 29, 30 and 31.

Under the able leadership of Graham Stott, president of the Deseret Club and Peter L. Joyce, secretary, the programme was planned and scheduled to the very minute. The idea for the convention came from the ex-president, Gilbert McCabe, formerly at Christ Church, Oxford and now in business in Ireland, who also aided at the convention.

Both Bro. Stott and Bro. Joyce are students at Oxford. They reported approximately 100 LDS students attending universities throughout England at present. They felt the 35 in attendance was a good response and are eager in advance plans for next year's convention.

Convention plans included digs for

the two nights, recreational and sports on Saturday with spiritual aspects receiving the main focus of attention on Sunday.

Following registration and reception Friday evening they staged a grand hootenanny around the campfire until 10 p.m.

Saturday began early with a 7 a.m. run followed by a Book of Mormon study group. After breakfast the first conference session was themed to "Role in Church and Community" with Bro. Stott treating the subject. "The dichotomy of Church and State" followed by Pres. Joseph Hamstead of London Stake on "Church and Community Morality." Next Michael Jones of Queen's (Belfast) spoke of missionary responsibilities and Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission concluded with the "Interpretation of the Theme."

The second session after the morn-



Deseret Club members as they met at Leicester Stake Centre.



Between convention sessions Deseret Club members rehearsed special music.

Deseret Clubs

Deseret Club's First All British Convention



One of several discussion groups, this one with Pres. George I. Cannon of the Central British Mission.

ing break was themed to "Development through leadership — towards the Temple" with Derek Cuthbert of the Central British Mission presidency, speaking on "Development of Leadership." "The Concept of Progression" was treated by William Brown-Lee a member of The Millennial Star Board of Directors, in place of Gwen Cannon, feature writer for the Millennial Star, excused because of illness in her family.

Bro. McCabe spoke to "Integration" and Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission concluded with "Interpretation of Theme."

Meals were prepared and served by the Relief Society of the Leicester

Ward.

Following lunch sports were participated in until 5 p.m. when discussion groups were led by Roger Jones, Thames Valley District presidency. In the evening the convention joined the stake M.I.A. for a dance.

Sunday morning the priesthood class lesson was presented by Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor of The Millennial Star, who developed some new points as to how to magnify one's calling (priesthood) and why such is important. This was followed by a testimony meeting wherein everyone expressed the convention was a success and felt each had been enriched by attendance.

World Genealogy Meet Planned by Church in Salt Lake City

★ As part of the Diamond Jubilee Conference of the Genealogical Society in 1969 a worldwide convention and seminar for genealogists and genealogical organizations will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

According to Elder Theodore M. Burton, Assistant to the Twelve, and vice president and general manager of the Society, which will sponsor the conference and seminar, it will promote unity and co-operation between genealogists who supervise the genealogical records of the world.

"We plan to ask renowned genealogists and scholars to give papers, to have exhibits and booths prepared by interesting commercial companies who supply computers, cameras, filing sys-

tems, reading machines, etc. and by publishing houses for the genealogical trade."

The Genealogical Conference will be conducted in the Salt Lake County Civic Auditorium complex (Salt Palace), Aug. 5-8, 1969, shortly after that huge new auditorium is completed.

In connection with the conference, tours will be planned to various scenic and historical areas of the city, a fellowship banquet, and a Sunday worship service in the Salt Lake Tabernacle is scheduled under the direction of the First Presidency.

Elder Burton is hopeful some type of worldwide genealogical organization can be forthcoming from the conference.

Children's Section

My Baby Brother

I have a baby brother,
His name is Dale Lee,
I wouldn't change him for another,
He's the best you'll ever see.

His feet and hands are very small,
His hair is shiny brown,
He can't sit up yet, not at all,
He only can lie down.

We wait upon him day and night,
He waves his hands about,
And he always gets a fright,
When someone starts to shout.



Yvonne Herbertson

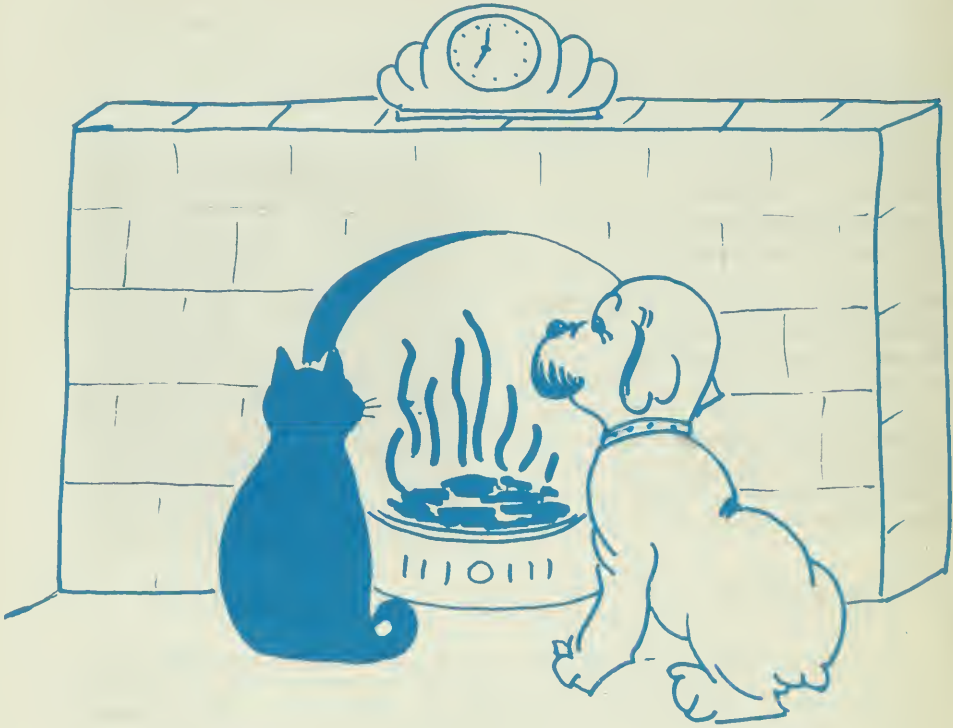
Glasgow Ward, Glasgow Stake
(Note: Yvonne had her poem and
picture published in a national Sunday
newspaper.)

A Tulip

A tulip is a pretty flower
And far above they tower
They look pretty in a flower bed
And I think they look nice in red.

—Ruth Moffatt, age 11





It's Trying That Counts

By Una V. Budge

Children's Section

★ Jonty licked his paw and passed it behind his left ear. Ears were important, he thought; he had often heard Missus tell the twins to wash behind them, and even Alan, who was nine, still had to be reminded. The family were getting ready for the day's work: Master had already kissed everyone, rushed out, rushed back again for his umbrella, and gone, forgetting to shut the garden gate. Alan was finishing his breakfast, alone at the table, reading and spooning cornflakes rather drippily into his mouth. The twins were putting on their clothes: Sally had lost one sandal. Every morning the twins "lost" something. Yesterday it was Martin's scarf, today it was Sally's sandal, and tomorrow it would be the purse they took charge of in turn, with their fares and dinner money.

"Oh Sally" Jonty heard the Missus say, "You really must try to remember where you leave things."

Then Jonty heard them all laughing: Baby Michael, singing loudly in his chair, was sitting on the missing sandal. Sally put it on, and the twins were ready. Jonty raised his smooth, shining black head and looked across to where Alan, now finished, was still reading. Jonty told him to hurry, but although Alan heard him, he could not understand cat language. Just then there was a heavy scratching and whining at the garden door. Outside, wet and muddy, stood the last member of the family, Ben, the Boxer dog. Alan ran to let him in, though he knew that Ben should go round to the kitchen door.

"Oh Ben, you should go round to the kitchen door," said Alan, as Ben hurled himself in, rushed to the hearthrug, and flopped his damp enormous body in

front of the fire with great pants of pleasure and gratitude.

"You're very wet, too" said Alan, stroking his big head.

"Alan" called the Missus, "are you ready? Twinnies are waiting for you."

"Coming, Mummy."

"Well, hurry up. You always keep them waiting, you know. It's too bad of you."

"Sorry, Mummy."

Alan knelt to stroke Jonty and kiss him goodbye. Jonty rubbed his fine whiskers against Alan's face, every whisker except one as black as boot polish. Alan thought him the most beautiful cat in the whole world.

"Goodbye, Jonty" said Alan.

"Alan, please do hurry," called his mother.

"Coming, Mummy." He buried his face in Jonty's fur. "I must learn to be quicker," he said; "I think I'll make a resolution to be quicker."

The Missus came in: she looked rather cross, which was unusual.

"Now Alan . . ." she began, and saw Ben.

"Sorry Mummy," said Alan. "I did let him in—but he isn't very dirty, only wet, and he's nearly dry now. I've just been making a resolution, Mummy. I'm going to be quicker at doing things—truly I am."

Missus smiled, her crossness forgotten. She loved Alan very much.

"Well, that's very nice. But if you've made a resolution you'll have to try and keep it, won't you? Perhaps we'd better work out how to help you, mm? Get ready now, there's a good boy."

They all went out, and presently good-byes were being called, the door closed, and except for Michael's singing, the house was suddenly quiet.

"What's a resolution?" grunted Ben, his chin on his paws.

"It's when you promise you'll be different, I think," said Jonty.

"I don't want to be different," said Ben.

"Well, it's if you want to change things that other people don't like, then? Like Alan being slow: he doesn't mind being slow, but Missus doesn't like it, and you know they said at school in his last report that he was clever and worked hard but he was very slow. You have to be quick for things like examinations."

"I'm glad I don't have examinations" said Ben.

"But you could be different — you could go to the kitchen door instead of here. Missus says your feet dirty the floor when you come in here."

"They don't hear me if I go to the



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kitchen door, though," said Ben.

"Of course, I don't think I need to be different," purred Jonty.

"Well, you do then," growled Ben. "You're lazy: Master says so. Just last night he said 'that cat's so lazy he wouldn't kill a mouse if it was sitting on his tail!'

Jonty twitched his fine tail indignantly.

"All right: I'll make a resolution, then. I'll bring in a mouse instead of making Missus open a tin of food. What resolution are you going to make? Something that'll help someone, it's got to be."

Ben thought hard. His thinking powers were rather limited. Presently he said, "I'll fetch Master's slippers for him. That will save Missus getting them."

They both felt so proud of their resolutions that they curled up and went to sleep, and forgot all about them until Missus called them for their dinner. As they ate, Jonty suddenly remembered:

"Ben," he said, "I forgot about saving Missus trouble. Never mind, I'll fetch in a mouse for supper. Perhaps it'll have stopped raining by then."

"Remind me about Master's slippers" said Ben, as they settled down again by the fire.

Everything was very quiet: Michael was asleep and Missus was doing the ironing. It was warm and cosy in the kitchen, but neither of them slept. Jonty was planning where to find a

mouse and how he would stalk and kill it. He thought how pleased Missus would be when he brought it to her: Missus had a lovely smile, and when Jonty was a good cat she would tickle him under his chin in the most delightful way. Ben was thinking about the cupboard where Master kept his slippers. It was no easy job to fetch anything from it: besides slippers, it contained old newspapers, cardboard boxes, gardening boots, the children's Wellingtons and a large black hairy spider. Ben was scared of spiders, but he had made a resolution, and it must be kept.

Presently Jonty went out through the kitchen window, which was always kept open for him. Mice these days were hard to get: they were fat and clever. You had to creep up very quietly behind them and pounce very swiftly—Jonty's whiskers twitched; he had smelled a mouse and very soon he would have one. Meanwhile Ben had bustled into the sitting room and nosed open the cupboard door to find Master's slippers. They had been hidden away somewhere—perhaps under this big box? It was unfortunate that the box was full of those shavings that are used for packing breakable things; when Ben's sharp teeth seized the box, it tore open, and presently there were shavings everywhere, a terrible mess.

"Ben!" shrieked Missus, coming in to set the tea, "you bad dog! What are you doing?" She actually slapped him; not that it hurt his tough hairy back, but it wounded his feelings. He tried to explain, but it was no use. And then, after all, Master's slippers were sitting there under his chair. Poor Ben! He lay down miserably. What use were resolutions, he wondered. Missus went



to fetch dustpan and brush to clear up the mess, and there stood Jonty, a fat mouse in his mouth. He laid it gently in front of her, and stood proudly over it, lifting his chin to be scratched—at least she should be pleased at his hunting skill, he thought. But Missus gave another and even louder shriek than before, and jumped back.

"Jonty—no!" she exclaimed. "Oh, you horrible cat, killing poor little mice like that. Really, you two animals are more trouble than the children ever knew how to be. Now, take it out at once."

Jonty lowered his tail, picked up the mouse, and made a dignified exit. He wasn't going to let Missus see he was upset, but suddenly his appetite for the

juicy mouse was gone. He hid it under a bush: perhaps later he could fancy it.

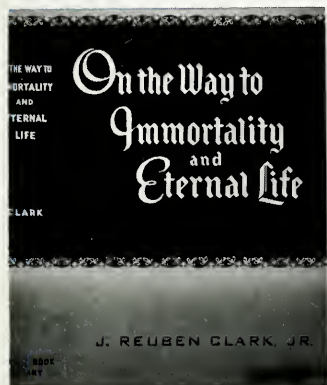
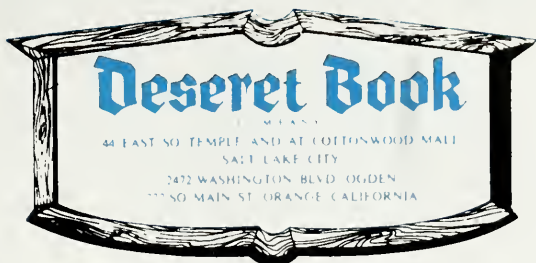
Late that night, when everyone was in bed, Alan crept downstairs to where Ben and Jonty lay together on the hearthrug, comforting each other. He nestled between them, kissed Jonty's smooth head and Ben's wrinkled face, and hugged them both.

"Never mind," he whispered. "I love you both, and so does Mummy. She says it isn't what you do that's important, it's trying that counts."

He tiptoed upstairs again, and Jonty leaned his head on Ben's great shoulder.

"That's right, you know, Ben" purred Jonty, thinking it over "it's trying that counts."





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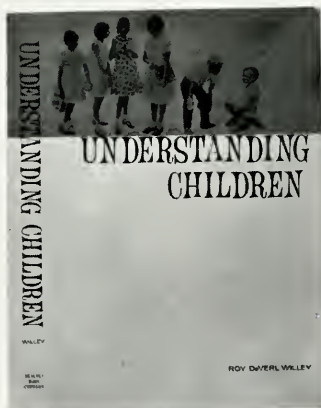
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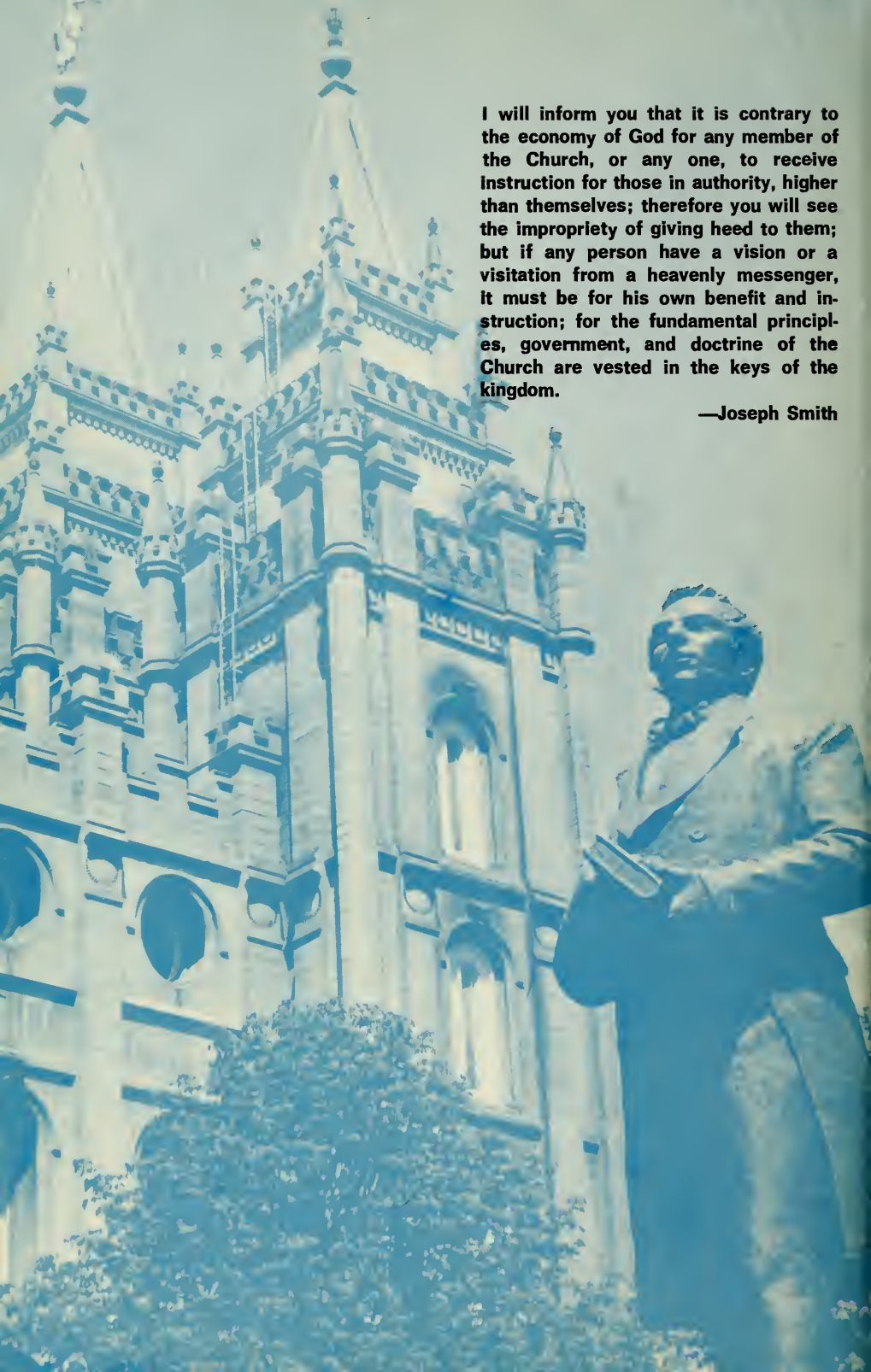
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